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We are now prepared to do all kinds of JOB WORK on short notice and at reasonable rates.
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L. O. STERNS, T. C. HYDE,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Sterns & Hyde,
Attorneys and Counselors at-Law,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.
L. O. STERNS will attend the Courts of the Fifth Judicial District, and of Idaho and Washington Territories.
Water Rights and Mining Litigation a SPECIALTY.
Collections promptly attended to.
une 18, 1875.nfy

ANDREW J. LAWRENCE,
Attorney-at-Law,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.
WILL PRACTICE IN ALL COURTS of the State.
Baker City, Sept. 1, 1873. n17y.

J. M. SHEPHERD,
Attorney-at-Law,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.

S. V. KNOX,
Attorney at Law,
(And Notary Public.)
WESTON, OREGON.
Will practice in the Courts of this State and Washington Territory.
SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO LAND Business, and Collections. n131f

JOSEPH H. SHINN,
Notary Public
AND
Conveyancer,
Will attend to Conveyancing and making ABSTRACTS OF TITLE.
Baker City, Sept. 11, 1872. n181f

E. W. REYNOLDS,
NOTARY PUBLIC
AND
DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL.
Office with John Brantain, Three Doors South of BEDROCK DEMOCRAT OFFICE, on side of the street.
Baker City, Sept. 3, 1873. n17m4

A. J. THIBODO, M. A. M. D.
M. A. Queen's University, (Canada),
M. D. Army University, 1854.
Physician, Surgeon, &c.
Office and Residence, at A. H. Brown's former residence, nearly opposite the Bedrock Democrat Office.
Baker City, Oregon, Nov. 10, 1874. y

J. P. Atwood, M. B.
(Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons New York and of the Medical Department of the Willamette University.)
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Terms cash, or no patronage solicited.
Office one door north of City Drug Store.
n23f BAKER CITY, OREGON. [11

John F. Chord,
Carpenter and Joiner,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.
Designs and Specifications Furnished.
Estimates Made. Terms Liberal.
Baker City, Nov. 17, 1874. n28y

S. J. M'CORMICK,
Importer and Dealer In
Books, Stationary, Toys, Music And
NEWSPAPERS,
FRANKLIN BOOK-STORY AND SANTA CLAUS' Headquarters, Fire-proof
Brick Building, 105 Front street, Portland,
Oregon. [11

Undertaker.
J. W. CLEAVER
Informs the Public that he is prepared to do all kind of work in the Undertaking Business on short notice and at reasonable prices.
Baker City, Oct. 1, 1873. n211f

Sewing Machines—A Cover
and a Florence, both new and the very best—for sale. For particulars, enquire at this office. n501f

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Systematic.—All persons who contemplate making contracts with newspapers for the insertion of advertisements, should send 25 cents to Geo. P. Rowell & Co., 41 Park Row, New York, for their PAMPHLET Book (nearly 2000 newspapers and estimates, showing the cost. Advertisements taken for leading papers in many States at a tremendous reduction from publisher's rates. GET THE BOOK. n50y

New Drug Store.

H. N. MCKINNEY,
Corner of Main Street and Valley Avenue,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.
Would respectfully inform the public that he has recently received a well selected and fresh stock of
Drugs,
Chemicals,
Paints, Oils,
Perfumeries,
Patent Medicines,
Soaps,
Wines,
Brandies,
Whiskies and Cordials,
For Medicinal purposes. Family Medicines carefully prepared. Prescriptions accurately compounded, at all hours of the day or night. Give us a call. n5

MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS,

AT THE
NEW STORE,
First door above the Express Office.
Ladies Fancy and Millinery
Goods in Store, and Latest Styles received by Express every Month, and for sale at most reasonable Prices.
Dress Making
Done to Order, and at Short Notice by
MRS. L. J. HUSTON.
Baker City, April 18, 1874.—n51m6

Western Hotel.

MAIN STREET, BAKER CITY.
REID & FLETCHER, Prop'r.
THIS HOUSE has been enlarged and refitted, and is now the best hotel on the Umattila and Idaho stage route.
Stages leave this House for above and below, and also for Clark's Creek, Eldorado, Gem City and Sparta.
Connected with the Hotel will be found a first class

SALOON!

Liquors, Wines and Cigars of the best quality. Phelps' Improved Billiard Tables all in good order.
N. B.—Those indebted to either the Hotel or Saloon are requested to appear at the Captain's office and settle. n5031f.

HOTEL RESTAURANT

do
FRANCE,
JOSEPH MANAUDAS, Proprietor,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.

THE PROPRIETOR has bought the Hotel restaurant, next door to the Post Office, formerly kept by Sicord & Whitcomb, and has fitted the same up in the best style as a Hotel, on the French Restaurant style. He is prepared to accommodate the Public, and is determined to give entire satisfaction.
The House is open from five o'clock in the morning until twelve at night, during which time customers will be supplied with the best of everything to be had in the city.
MARKET.
Baker City, July 4, 1874.—n61f

Fred. A. Bohna's SALOON,
AT THE OLD STAND OF
Bamberger & Frank,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.
FRED. A. BOHNA
Respectfully informs the citizens of Baker City and the Public generally, that he has purchased the interest of Bob. McCord in the above

SALOON,

Where will always be found the very best
Wines, Liquors and Cigars.
Also
One of the Finest and Best
Billiard Tables
To be found in the City. "Fred" will be pleased at all times to have his friends give him a call.
FRED. A. BOHNA.
Baker City, Jan. 20, 1875. n591f

LIVERY STABLE

MESSRS. KILBURN & PERKINS
Respectfully Inform the Citizens of Baker City and County, and the Public generally, that they have purchased the
Livery Stable
Formerly kept by John Eppinger, and that they are prepared to furnish customers with the best of
Single or Double Turn-outs,
Either night or day, with or without drivers, at the very lowest rates. First class Saddle Horses on hand. Horses boarded and the best of care bestowed. We keep nothing but the best of Stock and Buggies.
Our stable is at the upper end of Main Street, Baker City, Oregon.
Come and see us, Everybody, and we will do our best to please you.
KILBURN & PERKINS,
February 10, 1874.—n401f

LIVERY STABLE

GRIER & KELLOGG
Having completed their New Stable, have now the finest and best regulated
Livery Stable
In Eastern Oregon,
Where they will carry on the Livery Business in all its branches.
STOCK BOUGHT AND SOLD.
Baker City, Nov. 13, 1872. n131f

Corner Drug Store,

J. W. WISDOM, Proprietor,
Corner Main Street and Valley Avenue
Southwest Side,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
A Full Assortment of all kinds of Goods, consisting in part of
DRUGS,
MEDICINES, and OILS,
PAINTS and OILS,
WINDOW GLASS,
VARNISHES,
BRUSHES, and
WINES & LIQUORS
For Medicinal Purposes.
TOILET ARTICLES
Of Every Description.
Prescriptions prepared at all Hours. City and Country Trade Solicited.
Best Brands of Family Groceries, Tobaccoes, Cigars, &c., constantly on Hand, at the Lowest Prices.
Baker City, Oct. 7, 1874. n21y

J. B. GARDNER,

For Sale. Watches
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER,
ESTABLISHED IN BAKER CITY IN 1867,
Keeps constantly on hand a well assorted Stock of
WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELRY,
and is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line of business.
Waltham and Elgin Watches at Factory n3f Prices [11

PAP LEVINS,

WHOLESALE and RETAIL
DEALER IN
WINES AND LIQUORS,
Tobacco & Cigars,
TOGETHER WITH A
General Assortment
Of all articles in his line, which he is selling at LOWEST PRICES, for the Ready Pay.
His house is located on Main Street, nearly opposite the Bank Block, Baker City, Oregon.
Baker City, Nov. 11, 1874. n271f.

GAINES & BOWMAN,

Blacksmiths
AND
Manufacturers of Buggies & Wagons.
WE ARE GETTING OUR TIMBER
direct from St. Louis, Mo., and none but the very best is purchased, and are therefore prepared to warrant all our work.
We are now fully prepared to complete any
Buggies or Wagons
On short notice, and we can say we have the Very Best of Workmen in our employ.
Every one wanting a Buggy or Wagon will save time and money by giving us a call and examining our work for themselves.
Horse-shoeing.
Special attention is paid to Horse Shoeing. All repair work done on short notice. We are thankful for past patronage, and still solicit a continuance.
GAINES & BOWMAN.
Baker City, March 11, 1874.—n441f

Blacksmithing

AND
WAGON MAKING,
In All the Various Branches
I carried on by the Undersigned, at their shop, at the
Head of Main Street,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.

Wagon Making.

He will do as good work, at as reasonable prices, as any other shop in the country.
PLOWS
Manufactured to order.
S. B. MCCORD.
Baker City, Feb. 10, 1874. n401f

Buy Your Lumber at the

Old, Reliable
Ebell's Old Mill.
WE HAVE REFITTED THE
Mill and make the best Lumber in the country, at prices to suit the times.
Any bills left at our Mill receive as prompt attention in the future as in the past. We saw everything from a Lath to the Heaviest Timbers.
Clear and seasoned Lumber always on hand.
Bills left with J. W. Wisdom will receive immediate attention. By strict attention to business, we hope to receive our share of public patronage.
An unlimited amount of Grain taken in exchange for Lumber.
ELLIOTT & VAN PATTEN.
March 1 1874.—n341f.

Wanted,

30,000 Pounds of Wheat
at the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT Office immediately, for which the highest Cash price will be allowed. n261f

Wood Wanted.

50 Cord of Wood Wanted
at the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT Office immediately, for which the highest Cash price will be allowed. n261f

BEDROCK DEMOCRAT.

With one more number the fifth volume of the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT closes, and with the commencement of the Sixth Volume we intend to adopt the system of striking from our list all names of persons who are more than one year in arrears, and as we do so we will place the accounts of the delinquents in the hands of the proper officers for collection. We have time and again asked those in arrears to pay up and they have paid no attention to our requests, now we will see how they will like to pay costs as well as the honest debt they owe us. A man who can pay and will not must be made to pay. We have furnished you the paper for one, two and three years, and paid out money for you every week, besides contributing our own labor, and now we intend to have the money due us if it can be made by law. We do not wish to make cost on any one, but necessity compels us to force payment. The books of a printing office are first-rate criterions by which to judge of a man's responsibility and willingness to pay his liabilities; for a man that will not pay the printer the small amount due him, will not, as a general thing, pay his other honest debts if he can possibly avoid it, and if any business men wish to form an idea who is good pay and who is not they can at any time examine our books, and see who pays the printer, and thereby judge who is good and who is not. As we strike names from our list we shall publish them, and the amount due us. If delinquents do not wish their names to appear in this list they must come forward and settle their accounts.—We mean business. All whose paper is marked with an X, may know that we mean them.

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EASTERN OREGON.

As spring approaches we, with others in this portion of the State, are constantly in the receipt of letters, making inquiry in relation to our soil, climate, productions, health, schools, taxes, &c., and wish us to answer them. This we have done heretofore in the DEMOCRAT, and in as truthful and as fair a manner as we know how. It is a subject hard to write upon and please all parties, and therefore we have and will continue to give facts as we see and believe them to be, without any intention to deceive any one who is seeking information in relation to this portion of Oregon.

What is known as Eastern Oregon is that portion of the State lying east of the Cascade range of Mountains, embracing Wasco, Umattila, Grant Union and Baker counties; it is bounded on the north by the Columbia River and Washington Territory, on the east by Snake River and Idaho Territory, and on the south by California and Utah, and embraces considerable more than one-half of the area of the State. The country is well watered by the Columbia and Snake Rivers and their tributaries. The valleys along the various streams which meander through the whole extent of this portion of Oregon, are fine agricultural and hay lands; the foot hills immediately surrounding the valleys are beginning to attract attention, and are looked upon by those who like tested their productiveness, as being equal to the valleys for everything except hay, and for small grain and fruit they are the best.

The whole country is covered with fine bunch grass, and the higher the altitude the finer the grass becomes. The mountains which surround the valley are, as a general thing, covered with fine timber, consisting of the various kinds of pine, fir and tamarac, while cottonwood and willow are to be found along the water courses in the valleys. The mountains abound with bear, deer, antelope and elk, with other small game, and the streams with trout, salmon trout, salmon and other fish in great abundance. We have no cat-fish, pike or buffalo, which are so plentiful in the waters of the Mississippi River. Our trout, salmon trout and salmon are as fine fish as the waters of the world afford.

In the early settlement of this section of country it was considered that the soil was, in a measure, good for nothing for agricultural purposes, and that the only business that could be followed here profitably was that of stock-raising; that our soil was not fit for cultivation or agricultural purposes. The experience of our farmers for the past three or four years has put to flight this erroneous idea, and it is now a demonstrated fact that the soil of Eastern Oregon is equal in productiveness to any in the State.

Persons on first visiting our sagebrush, alkali plains are impressed with the same idea that was first obtained among our settlers, that nothing could be grown on such soil as they saw spread out before them, but observation teaches the one that such is not the fact, and actual experience teaches the other, that their first impressions were wrong, and that the soil of our sagebrush alkali plains produces everything entrusted to its generating properties equal to any other soil, and actual experience demonstrates a further fact, which is that the longer such land is cultivated the better the soil becomes, and the better the yield per acre. The cause of this is conceived to be from the fact that cultivation has a tendency to destroy the alkali properties with which the soil originally was so perfectly impregnated. In the Willow Creek and Burnt River val-

leys, first rate corn is raised where the sagebrush used to stand so large and thick that it was almost impossible to drive a wagon. In Powder River Valley our best cultivated farms produce from thirty to sixty bushels of wheat to the acre; and of oats from fifty to one hundred bushels to the acre, a great portion of our lands to produce good crops of wheat, oats, and barley, needs irrigation, as a general thing—some seasons this is not necessary—which can be done at small cost; by digging ditches connecting with the innumerable small streams which have their heads and fountains in the hills and mountains which surround our valleys. The valleys are generally very level and water can be carried onto them at almost every point.

As a general thing the climate is pleasant both winter and summer—this winter being an exception, it having been colder than was ever known here before. The mercury hardly ever goes below zero, and then for some five or six days only, and never above 100. Farmers, as a general thing, do not have to feed their stock cattle during the winter. The water is pure and healthy. There is plenty of land that can be bought cheap, also plenty that can be taken as homesteads or entered. There is considerable land in this portion of the State which has not yet been surveyed.

The mines in Eastern Oregon are a great source of wealth. The placer mines have been worked since 1862, and are still paying well. Quartz mining is carried on quite extensively, and bids fair to become the leading business of this portion of the State. There are being now discoveries of quartz made almost daily, and new mills and other machinery for working quartz are being constantly erected. The mines are the markets to which our farmers have to look for the sale of their surplus products. Our farmers are not farming as extensively as they would if they could find ready sale for what their land would produce. We are in want of the means of quick and cheap transportation to outside markets. As it is now the great staple, for export, is cattle.

All kinds of vegetables grow in this portion of the State, and the yield per acre is immense. They are of the finest flavor and will compare favorably with those of any other country. Apples, pears, peaches, plums and all kinds of small fruit do well in Grand Ronde Valley, and we have no reason to believe that such will not be the case in all other portions of Eastern Oregon. The flavor of fruit raised here is better than that of the Wallamette valley, and we believe it will ultimately be found that fruit-raising will be a great source of wealth to our citizens.

We do not claim that we have all the good and no evils to contend with in this section of the State. The Wallamette and Rogue river valleys are fine bodies of land but we have as good on our creeks and rivers, and our uplands are better for all purposes than are those west of the Cascades, our lands are as good or better than those for agricultural purposes and for stock grazing, the people of that section of the State seek and use ours. Our winters are pleasant, with just sufficient cold weather to make our country healthy and invigorating. We have none, or very little of the rain with which the people west of the Cascades have to contend from about the first of Dec, until in the spring, sometimes as late as the first of May. Our country is as rich as any other portion of the Pacific coast in minerals and the precious ores, and the interests and resources are so diversified that we care not what a man's occupation may be, he can find profitable employment. We have traveled all over the State, and the better we become acquainted with this portion the more we become convinced that this is a good place for either a rich or a poor man to locate, if he wishes to enjoy good health, and make a pleasant and comfortable home. We have a wealthy and contented population, which is steadily increasing. We have good society, schools, churches, &c., in advance of other countries of our age. And, there is now a prospect, that at no far distant day, we will be connected with the outside world by one or more railroads—then, indeed, this will be a favored land, and if a live, healthy, energetic, go-ahead man cannot make a living here, and accumulate wealth, he might as well sell out and quit business.

The above article is written in answer to a letter of inquiry received by our friend W. F. Levans, from Mr. Thos. S. Moore, of Tipton, Missouri, and the statements we have made we believe to be as near correct as possibly can be given.
OUR OLIVE CREEK LETTER.
OLIVE CREEK, April 16th, 1875.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—The long hoped for, Spring, has come at last; the water is running pretty lively in this region of country; the boys are all rushing around getting ready to use it. Mining has commenced at Parkersville, California Gulch, Verrisart and Lower Olive. It will be several days yet, before there will be much water at Robinsonville and Greenhorn; the weather has been uncommonly warm here for the past week. It is terrible rough on the Stage drivers between Fort Sumpter and Canyon City. Last Monday night, Mr. Pierce and two passengers traveled all night afoot to Parkersville Station, the snow was so soft they had to leave the sleigh and horses on the mountain nine miles from the Station. Kellogg and Pierce are bound to have the mail through whether they get anything else through or not; when the horses give up they unbitch, shoulder the mail sacks and go afoot to the nearest point; the road over the Dixie Mountain will be very bad

to travel on for the next four weeks, and we think it will be impossible to get horses through all the way. Both men and horses deserve great credit for what they have went through this winter. Long Jim thinks that the only way that this road can be kept open during the winter, successfully, is to have a daily line of Stages on it; if the Stage passed over this road twice a day all winter it would keep the snow packed down solid and it would form an ice coating that would bear the horses up. Who says we are not entitled to a daily mail just as much here, as they are any place in Oregon? Some of those fellows that are hollering "Rail road" so much, had better holler "daily stage" till the Rail road comes. Let Uncle Sam come out with about \$30,000 a year, then we can have a road, and hear from the country about us once in a while.

I see in your paper that some one calling himself 7 Up, writing from this section of country, says there was but five Lodges in this part of the country, that was true; but, he went so far as to say, there was but little inducements for more people to come. Allow me to say right here, in the language of the poet, "he is a damned simple head." I would like to know what more inducements people would want; they might hunt the world over and would not find a lovelier place to spend the Summer, with its green clad hills, and cold gurgling rills.

There are a good many gentlemen and ladies coming from the John Day Valley, this Summer to fish and pick huckleberries; the hillsides and gulches, are lined with the luscious fruit every year. There is a beautiful Lake ten miles from Robinsonville that is perfectly alive with trout. There were several persons out to this lake last summer they caught fish just as fast as they could bait their hook and throw it in; we would advise the ladies and gentlemen who are fond of fishing to come to this lake during this summer.

There are many ways persons can enjoy themselves here not only in summer, but in winter; it is true the snow gets pretty deep here, but the air is not so cold as out side; we are not troubled with mud. We have gay times running on Snow-Shoes, some of the ladies have become experts at the business. If these are not inducements enough, there are plenty of old bachelors here, anything from a ragged miner to a gay gambler. Some of the boys say they are tired of batching, and say they will go to the Umattila reservation next winter and if they can't get a Squaw they will marry a white woman.
Yours,
LONG JIM.

AMONG THE MOUNTAINS.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—We have had one of the greatest changes in the weather, within the recollection of that extensively known person, the oldest inhabitant; the winter that has so long tyrannized over us, giving us a considerable taste of Arctic comfort, has at last succumbed and "gone where the wood-bine twined," and spring has burst upon us almost as sudden as the bursting of a thunder-cloud, and I assure you that after five months of severe, dreary winter, these bright cheerful days are most welcome and have cheering influence on the mountaineers.

The snow which was piled up in huge banks, is thawing rapidly, sending down copious streams of water in every gulch, stopping the miners call for water and changing the song to, "I am afloat, I am afloat." The middle Fork of the John Day River is "booming," all of the tributaries of Burnt River are "brimming full," while Olive, Granite, and Bull Run Creeks are doing their fall share toward "juicifying" the country. The miners are, as a general thing, at their posts and already many a "Hydraulic pipe" is shooting water at the banks of dirt. Everything indicates an extra good season in the mines.

Charley Kellogg is having a huge time getting the mail through to Canyon City from your place, the Burnt River bottom is one entire Lake, and between wading, rafting and swimming he manages to get through. Charley says he don't think much of that song, "A life on the Ocean wave," and he don't think that Noah would have landed the mail on the mountain that he did, if he had had only a span of horses and a mud wagon to do it with. Whenever you want a trip through here, Charley will bring you sure.
Yours, 7-UP.

MERIT IS ITS OWN SUCCESS.—Superior merits and capabilities, cheapness in price, and ease of operation, have placed the Wilson Shuttle Sewing Machine far in advance of all other machines in the market. The public shows its approval of all that it is and does by purchasing the machines as fast as the Company can possibly manufacture them. There is no test of a sewing machine ever yet inaugurated but what has been used on the Wilson, and in every case has come off ahead of every machine in use. No pains or expense is spared in the material used in it, or the workmanship of its construction, to make the Wilson every way the best, most pleasant and most durable sewing machine in existence.
Machines will be delivered at any Rail road Station in this county free of transportation charges, if ordered through the Company's Branch House at 327 & 329, Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio.
They send an elegant catalogue and chromo circulars, free on application.
This Company want a few more good agents.
SAM. HANNAH will receive grain, produce, &c., at Union, in payment for subscription to the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT.
JOHN GORMAN is Agent for the DEMOCRAT in Boise County, Idaho.