

The Grant County News.

ONLY PAPER IN GRANT COUNTY.

Official Paper For Grant County.

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A FEW FACTS.

A few days ago, at the solicitation of Mr. Herburger, we took a ride in the country for the purpose of gathering a few facts in relation to our county, so that we could answer a few general questions that has been asked of us: The first place after leaving town is that of Mr. Philips, which is a modern eden in the way of fruits and berries. The place of Mr. Jno. Garrison, about half mile from Canyon City, is a regular money making place as he has a fine orchard and an excellent garden; then comes Dan. Morrow who is a freighter, on the opposite side of the road from him is where Dr. Cameron lives, and well he can live for he has a fine orchard and garden. Marysville is the first town we come to, and is about two miles from Canyon City, right in the heart of a rich mining field; on the slope this side town is the little patch of ground where W. B. Clark cleaned up, in a few short months, the nice little sum of \$16,000. Mr. Thompson, Hillis and others are working the mines in the vicinity of the town and are making a fine thing out of them. In using the hydraulics they save expense and will make a handsome clean up this season. The town contains about one dozen houses. One mile beyond is the home of Mr. Griggory, and he has one the most desirable mountain homes in this county. From near his house you can look for miles up the chosen John Day Valley, and in gazing upon the thousands of acres of vacant land we were led to think how many, many people in the east would be happy if they only were the possessors of a farm in this valley. Emigrants, contemplate the scene, thousands of acres of land with soil of rich black loam, from three to ten feet in depth, without a brush on it, and hundreds of acres of pine, fur and tamarack timber within a few miles of this land, and all you have to do is to come, select your farm and go to work, and nature furnishes heavy and profitable crops for you. At Prairie Diggings we met Messrs. Allred & Lohman, who are part owners of the quartz ledge there and they also have a ten stamp mill. They made a run some months ago and are confident that if the mine was properly worked that there is a speculation in it. Mr. Alfred informed us that he raised on the 13th of an acre of ground, last year, without irrigation, 2500 pounds of potatoes.

FISK & RINEHARD'S ORCHARD was the next place we came to and our expression was, my stars what an orchard! While there we took a stroll through the orchard and also received the following facts from Mr. Fisk, Jr. They have 40 acres in the inclosure and 4500 bearing fruit trees shade the ground. The largest yield they have given so far was 5000 bushels, and 12 hands were kept busy six weeks picking fruit. If the crop is not injured by frost the harvest this year will not be less than 17000 bushels and will employ about 50 hands to gather the "forbidden fruit." Several large cellars are used for the

stowing away of fruit, cider and vinegar; either of which a person can eat or drink to their fill with the assurance that it is clean and pure, as we defy any person to show us an eastern Oregon apple with a worm in it. Having received the information we desired we hastened home.

Next week we will answer the remainder of the questions asked us by people in the east and south, in the meantime they can make up their mind, if they intend emigrating to Oregon that they can come to no better valley than the John Day.

PHIL. METSCHAN started below this morning to attend the Grand Lodge.

MAJOR W. V. Rinehart is in the City.

SEVERAL locals are crowded out.

A BAKER COUNTY LETTER.

WINGVILLE, OGN., May 3d, 1879.

EDITOR NEWS:—Thinking that a few items from the vicinity of your old home would not be void of interest I herewith drop you a few. Farmers in this vicinity are busy engaged in plowing and seeding. A large area of land will be sown to grain this spring. Miners are busy and jubilant over the prospects of a good mining season and full purses this fall.

We have before us a copy of the GRANT COUNTY NEWS, and think it a neat and valuable paper, and highly deserving of public patronage.

We expect to pay your county a visit soon for the purpose of introducing the justly celebrated Humbolt Washing Machine, which has earned through its own merits an unparalleled reputation in this county.

J. WAGY.

OUR MR. VERNON LETTER.

MT. VERNON, OGN., May 6th, 1879.

EDITOR NEWS:—Thinking that a few lines from this part of the county would not be amiss in the columns of your valuable paper I write you a few items. The general health is good, only one case of sickness and that is evanescent.

Mr. A. F. Parkinson commenced school here on Monday.

Farmers are getting through putting in their crops. Sheep men are busy shearing.

The fruit crop was badly injured on the 2nd of this month by frosts; however, there is a prospect of a large yield of choke cherries, so there is a chance for the epicure.

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Two juvenile dads, of some sixty summers, undertook to exemplify the above maxim, the other day, with black-snake whips. Neither one seriously hurt, as "Doctaw" Wing Lee was not called in; the cuticle only resembles a zebra. C says D licked him as he had the advantage, but he can't do it again. We may be called on at any time to chronicle a bloody encounter.

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SCRIBLER.

Another Victim of Indian Cruelty.

DAYVILLE, OGN., May 6th, 1879.

EDITOR NEWS:—On the 25th day of April last, or one week since, having occasion to go to the house of Mr. John Brisbois in company with Mr. Joseph Hodson we were surprised and almost horrified to learn as soon as we arrived there, that the remains of a white man had been found by Mr. Brisbois on the 21st of April, and buried on the 24th, Mr. B. being alone, went to Beaver creek to get some one to assist him in burying the remains. Mr. James Rager and Mr. Philander Mann came over and assisted in the performance of the last sad rites. Mr. Brisbois is confident that the remains are those of a man by the name of Rice Penleton, formerly a resident of Lane County, at or near Eugene City. Supposed to be about 48 years of age. A member of Eugene Lodge, No.—I. O. O. F., also a Granger. Mr. Brisbois and Oliver Hyde had seen his card taken from his Lodge and read the same. Mr. Brisbois was not positively certain as to his christian name, but knew it to be Rice, Reis or Reese. Deceased has a sister living at

or near Eugene or Oregon City. There is no doubt but what he was killed by the Indians as they passed through on the 27th or 28th of June last. He either did not know that the Indians were hostile, or came to warn Brisbois and the Hyde Brothers of their danger.

It may be proper to say that the locality indicated is known as the upper South Fork Valley and lies between Bear Valley and Beaver Creek.

P. C. D.

LETTER FROM A HARMIT GIRL.

Fort Hansen, OGN., May 3d, 1879.
EDITOR NEWS:—Them literary fellows to whom you look for the news from this "desert" finding it more congenial to their tastes to dig post-holes, and hunt cattle than wield the pen that's mightier than the needle-gun, the very pleasing duty of "dishing up" the few items of interest that transpire here devolves upon one of the gentler sex. Well, items are scarce—as scarce as hens teeth—and if it was not for the sensational report the Stage-driver from Camp McDermitt brought in the last mail I would have kept on at my "dilly" and our Burg would not have been heard from.

Mr. W. Christian who drives the stage between here and McDermitt reports that Old Winnemucca, with all his followers, upon learning Maj. Rinehart's mission, struck for the mountains and that the Major had telegraphed to Genl. McDowell for two companies of cavalry. Only that and nothing more.

There is a petition being circulated here, asking the Post Master General, to increase the mail service to a daily on the line from McDermitt to Canyon City. Oh, what an extreme benefit it will be to us if the increase is ordered.

BABY MINE.

HARBOR OF REFUGE:—There seems to be considerable conjecture as to who composed the board of U. S. engineers for the Pacific coast. And this matter assumes more importance just now, from the fact this board has been assigned the duty of selecting the location for the harbor of refuge between San Francisco and the Straits of Fuca. From the best information we can get the board will consist of the following officers: Lieut. Col. R. S. Williamson and Maj. G. H. Mendall, all of San Francisco.

Hon. Judge Barnett has kindly furnished us a copy of the act making appropriations for the harbor of refuge, on the Pacific coast, from which we make the following extracts:

That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the Secretary of War in the commencement of the construction of a break water and harbor of refuge at such point on the Pacific Ocean between the Straits of Fuca and San Francisco, California, as may, in the opinion of a majority of the board of United States engineers for the Pacific coast, be most suitable, the interests of commerce, local and general being considered.—Ex.

INDIAN CATCHES.—William Herren writing from Hopper, Umatilla county, recently, says: "Last Monday down at the mouth of John Day chuck, a lot of us boys found some Indian caches, and opened them for the purpose of getting some buckskins, etc. Finally we found a large one and thought we had made a killing. On top were beaded arrow quivers and fancy plankets; but when we got down a little way, we found three dead Indians, one of which must have been a chief from the way he was fixed up. There were three white scalps tied to his belt, one of which was a white woman's. She had light, nearly blonde hair, somewhat curly. His rifle and six-shooter were buried with him, also a broken up Wells, Fargo & Co., express box. I think they must have been killed by the patrol boat last summer."

We are informed the prosecuting Attorney and U. S. Marshal of Idaho Territory are going hot and heavy after all parties who take or have been taking timber from Government land, surveyed or unsurveyed. We anticipate much trouble before long all through this country and advise all men to look sharply a "leete" out.—Ex.

Change of the San Francisco mint for April: Double eagles, \$2,540,000; standard dollars, one million. The Carson mint was idle during the month. Treasury shipment per City of Peking fine silver, \$208,290; trade dollars, 11,666; Mexicans, 53,941; gold coin, \$9,139.

A correspondent writing to an exchange, a most shocking murder occurred last Friday the 11th, on Pine Creek, Wasco county, Oregon. Two brothers, names Handy, disagreed about some traffic, and Harrison, the oldest, aged about 26, struck Bud on the head with a spade and inflicted a fearful wound; he lived two days. Harrison has been arrested and taken to the Dalles. The boys have heretofore been very peccable and quiet, and always seemed to get along well together. Their parents are quite old, and it is a terrible trial for them.

The events of the season that has caused such a flutter among citizens, and especially the ladies of this city, for some time, took place last evening at Family Church, in the marriage of Lieut. Charles W. Rowell, U. S. A., and Miss Sallie C. Wheaton, daughter of General Frank Wheaton of Fort Lapwai, Idaho Territory.—Dee.

The Great Republic Washing Company have filed articles of incorporation, duration, one year; object, purchase, saving, preserving and sale of the wreck cargo of the Great Republic; head office, Astoria; capital stock, \$50,000; forty shares at \$125 each; incorporators: Wesley Jackson, George Taylor, J. W. S. K. nancy.

The court martial at Vancouver barracks, convened for the purpose of trying Capt. Chas. Bendire on charges preferred by Lieut. Col. Ord, by using indecorous language toward him as a superior officer, has adjourned since the an amicable arrangement having been made between the prosecutor and those on the points at issue. Most of the officers composing the court started on returns to his company at Walla Walla, fully exonerated from the charge having as usual, led the battle bravely, and coming out unscathed.

It is rumored on the streets that Gen. J. H. Turner, of Pendleton, has received a dispatch from Washington stating that this reservation had been thrown open to purchasers, and that the Indians were to be removed.—Western Leader.

The Western Leader says, numbers of Indians are returning daily to the Umatilla Reservation from Walla Walla. What the movement is for we are unable to learn.

NOTICE:—To all persons indebted to the firm of Gundlach & Bro., are hereby requested to call and settle immediately, without fail and save costs, as this will be the last call.

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