

THE COUNTY NEWS

County Commissioners Have no Authority

TO PURCHASE POISON.

Young Chief Asks for Assistance of the Whites.

The county court has been besieged to take some action in regard to the squirrel question. After thoroughly considering the matter and getting advice from all reliable sources they have given out the following statement for publication:

"Having obtained all information upon the practicability, legality, etc., connected with this proposition, that the legislatures have authorized the several county courts of this state to pay bounties for scalps of certain wild animals, to-wit: For each panther or cougar, not more than \$10 nor less than \$1; for each bear not more than \$5 nor less than \$1; for each wildcat or catamount not more than \$2 nor less than \$1; for each wolf coyote not more than \$20 nor less than \$1; for each muskrat not more than 25 cents nor less than 5 cents; for black tail rabbits not more than 5 cents nor less than one cent. But there never has been any bounty on squirrels nor any law passed authorizing county courts to appropriate money to buy poison to kill squirrels or any other animals; nor any precedent by any other county court in this state; and the apparent uncertainty of its judicious application, if furnished, the court finds this subject a very large one and, in its opinion, beyond its reach."

He Wants Assistance. Since another good Indian has gone to the happy hunting grounds by taking on two much liquor and a railroad track, Young Chief, of the Umatilla tribe, pleads with eloquence through the columns of a local paper, for the white man to lend his aid in preventing the sale of liquor to his red brother. Young Chief is an Indian of superior intelligence, and is quick to see the fatal results of firewater when it flows into the hands of his braves. He intimates in his letter to the paper, that he is of the opinion that the whites want to kill off the Indians by giving them whiskey, so that when they are gone the white man will be in peaceful possession of the Indian lands. The chief says he loves his body the same as the white brother loves his, and closes his appeal for help by hoping the white man will not become angry with him for his attempt to stop the sale of liquor to his people.

No Evidence Found. Jack Westcott, an Indian, was arrested at Pendleton the other day on suspicion of being implicated in some manner with the death of Dick Pond, another Siwash, whose remains were found strewn along the railroad track between Pendleton and the agency, by a train of cars. So far as known, the relations of the two Indians were friendly, and there is no evidence adduced to show that Pond met his death in any other manner than being run over by a train while in a drunken condition.

"Above the Clouds." A revival of amateur theatricals seems to have struck our sister town, Weston. The Woodmen dramatic company a short time ago produced "Cast up by the Waves" to an appreciative audience, and last Saturday evening, the ever popular drama, "Above the Clouds," was produced for the second time with great success by the company. The proceeds, amounting to \$50, were donated to the district to be used in fitting up a room in the school building at Weston.

Unprovoked For. Word comes from the reservation concerning the destitution and privation of a woman with a young babe at her breast. She is the wife of one Watson, who recently returned from the Red River country, and who was arrested after his return by Washington authorities. The woman, who is of Scotch descent, is wandering among the Indian tepees, begging for something to eat. No doubt the county will look into the matter.

Two Culprits Caught. Sheriff Houser and his deputies took in two men Saturday on a telegram from the sheriff of Morrow county. One is N. Dixon, who conducted a saloon at Lone, and is wanted for selling liquor to minors. The other is an old man about 70 years of age, who is wanted on a charge of rape.

He Turns Up. Fred Paul, the young man of Walla Walla, who left that city last week in rather an abrupt manner in order to keep from fulfilling

a matrimonial engagement and whose whereabouts has since been a mystery both to the interested young lady and the young man's parents, has been found at last on the Umatilla reservation, in the vicinity of Pendleton.

His Injuries Were Fatal. James Semple, the farm hand, who was injured while removing a header bed from a wagon on the farm of Chris Simpson near Helix, one day last week, is dead. His injuries were such that an operation was deemed necessary to save his life, but he could not survive the operation. The remains were conveyed to McKay creek, where the parents of the unfortunate young man live.

THE "EAST END" NEWS.

Weston's militia company is defunct, being mustered out last Wednesday. Some of the equipments were found to be missing. The Weston band will soon have uniforms. This happy consummation has been brought about principally by the earnest efforts of Dr. M. Stiles and the willingness to assist the band shown by the Farmer's bank of Weston and Cashier Pierce.

W. H. Fletcher, widely known as the "sawmill man," was in the city yesterday. As the result of a little "horse play" at the mill, Mr. Fletcher perambulates on crutches, having severely wrenched an ankle by a sudden jump.

Norval Bradley has just closed a term of school in district 95, on the mountain, and has been engaged to teach again in the Banks district near Athena, where he was formerly employed. Mr. Bradley's popularity and success as a teacher are shown by the demand for his services.

'Squire Powers has received a note from Congressman Hermann announcing that a pension was awarded to Mrs. Mary A. Mills, widow of J. S. Mills, an old soldier who died two years ago at Weston, leaving his family in poor circumstances. Mrs. Mills receives \$8 a month for herself and \$2 each a month for her four children. She now resides in Wallowa county.

A love feast was held at Athena last Thursday evening by about forty members of Pythian Lodge No. 29 and Stevens Lodge No. 49, K. of P. Eighteen members of the latter lodge went over to Athena, and the knights there "did the grand" in entertaining their visitors. The third rank was first conferred upon W. J. Wilkinson, and the brethren then repaired to Millen's restaurant, where a splendid spread was enjoyed. Afterward at the castle hall, choice cigars were distributed, and jolly and fraternal speeches made.

Rev. N. E. Parsons has been elected commander of the Stone River Post No. 61, G. A. R., vice Nathan Pierce, resigned. Arrangements are being consummated for a change of management in the City hotel. The new lessee will probably assume charge in a few days.

J. L. Frazier has invented an elevator for handling wheat sacks in warehouses. One of the machines will soon be placed in operation in the warehouse of the Peacock mills.

Politics are getting up to a fever heat, and we would advise all our friends to have the button-holes enlarged in their coats, in order to give candidates a good chance to "hook" on to them.

Whitman cemetery near Whitman station is being greatly improved. The grounds have been nicely graded and prepared for the sowing of blue grass and clover. Irrigation pipes will be laid from the Gholson springs, and with the aid of water a great change will be wrought in the appearance of the grounds this year.

The papers of the Northwest are making a great deal of fuss over the fact that Levi Ankeny recently demonstrated that he could read and understand Chinook. We see nothing very strange in this. Milton has a half dozen pioneers with like accomplishments, and the mere fact that Mr. Ankeny is very wealthy should in no wise cause him to forget knowledge obtained in the early days no more than those who travel in humbler walks of life.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richardson on Saturday last at their pleasant home below town. There is nothing especially noteworthy in the occurrence except that the child is a bright little cherub and arrived on the last day of February of leap year, and there is not another February that will contain 29 days for eight years to come. The little girl will not celebrate the anniversary of her involuntary advent to this mundane sphere until she is eight years of age.

THE FRUIT PROSPECT

At Milton Peaches and Apricots Are Injured.

LATE FRUIT UNHARMED.

Walla Walla Fruit Men Are Not Alarmed.

The intense cold which struck the Walla Walla valley Saturday night has wrought much injury to the fruit crop, says the Milton Eagle. While the thermometer never at any time reached a lower point than seven degrees above zero, that was sufficient to kill the young buds that were almost ready to burst into bloom at the time the cold weather set in.

On Wednesday the reporter examined many orchards and found that in most cases but from four to ten per cent. of the peach buds were yet alive. Apricots were in full bloom and consequently entirely killed, while the pear crop will be seriously damaged. It is yet too early to tell what effect the cold wave will have on the apple trees, but it is the opinion of orchardists that earlier varieties are damaged. The prune, plum and cherry crops are also said to come in for a share of injury from the cold wave.

Later advises from orchards in the valley would indicate that a lighter per cent. of the buds are killed than is indicated above. Some orchardists inform us that at least one-third of the peach-buds are yet uninjured. If this be true there will be enough of this fruit to supply the home demand. This is also true of other varieties of fruits, with the exception of apricots. The latter are all killed; but pears, prunes, plums and apples will yield a fair crop if there is no more severe cold.

NOT BADLY INJURED.

Walla Walla Fruit Men Are Not Scared.

Fruit men generally says the Statesmen, think the peaches and apricots are not seriously injured, and if the cold grows no more severe, that we will yet have a good fruit crop. Dr. Blalock says that many old settlers have erroneous impressions of March weather in former years. Many of them stoutly insist that they have seen the mercury below zero in this month several times within the last twenty years, while the government reports show that only once in twenty years has the temperature in March been lower. In March 1891 the mercury fell to 2 degrees above zero.

Dr. Blalock thinks there is little danger of fruit trees being killed even should it become much colder. There is now little sap in the trees and when this is the case there is much less danger. When the trees were killed about fourteen years ago the trees were full of sap, and when in February the mercury fell to 19 below zero, the trees were generally killed. Moreover, the ground at that time was covered with deep snow upon which a thick crust had formed, and the reflection of the sun from this crust caused the trees to split open on the south side, thus completing the deadly work of the extreme cold.

Mr. Green Rifle says that the fruit buds can stand very severe cold so long as no water gets in them. The water freezing in the buds is sure death to them. Hence a heavy sleet falling upon the trees, followed by intense cold is most to be feared by fruit men.

Change of Conscience. Elgin Recorder: A. J. Shelton received a genuine surprise a short time since by receiving a letter containing \$1.50, which the writer said was intended as payment for a ball ticket which Mr. Shelton had sold him on credit fifteen years ago.

As the letter bore no signature Mr. Shelton is at a loss to know from whom it came, but it is evident that who ever it is, he must have been rather hard up for the past fifteen years or has experienced a radical change of conscience recently, or he would not have allowed the matter to go unsettled for so long a time.

Quartz Gulch Find. The rich find reported from the Robinsonville mining country, was made a few days ago in Quartz Gulch, and will recall to the old miner an incident which occurred over 20 years ago. Two miners became involved in a quarrel over a location, and one of them was killed. The killing must have been unprovoked, for the survivor was taken to Canyon City, indicted and hanged. Before being led to the scaffold, he offered to take the sheriff to a place where he said he had uncovered an immensely rich vein of ore. The sheriff looked upon the offer as a ruse on the part of the condemned man to obtain an opportunity to escape, and refused it. In due time the

man was hanged, but the dying prisoner's declaration found an echo in the ears of many a prospector. Among those who were most persistent were the Stearns brothers, who, according to reports after a patient search of five years have at last found the ledge, and further developments are expected shortly.

Leader of God's Regular Arm. William Purdy, leader of God's regular arm, an organization similar to the Salvation Army, was arrested at Grant's Pass the other evening while conducting services in front of the headquarters in the street. The city council passed an ordinance last week to prohibit drum-beating and tambourine playing on the streets, with the view of preventing the army street parades and exercises which have been taking place in that town for some time. The army paid no attention to the ordinance and came out in full force, the arrest of the leader following. He secured bail and was back to headquarters in time to finish services. It is not believed the ordinance can be enforced.

Got More Than They Wanted. Groceryman Hubert, of Rainier, was held up by two men, two miles from Roy, the other night while going to Tacoma to buy goods. They demanded \$106 he had and one pushed a revolver in his face. As he descended from the wagon Hubert smashed the man with a gun, knocking him down. He kicked the prostrate man in the jaw and stepped on his wrist, securing the pistol. He compelled the second man to hold up his hands ten minutes, while the first man recovered from the knockout blow, then marched them into Roy and delivered them to a constable, while a 13-year old boy followed behind with the team.

It Snowed Sand. The snow which fell here Monday was something more than the ordinary congealed water which philosophy tells us snow is, says The Dalles Times-Mountaineer. It was heavily charged with sand. All plain surfaces on which it fell and from which it was allowed to thaw without being disturbed, show a thin covering of alkali sand; the theory advanced by these who have observed the phenomena is that during the heavy winds that prevailed Sunday night the sand was carried high into the heavens, and fell with the snow Sunday night and Monday forenoon.

Taken in Time. Hood's Sarsaparilla has achieved great success in warding off sickness which, if allowed to progress, would have undermined the whole system and given disease a strong foothold to cause much suffering and even threaten death. Hood's Sarsaparilla has done all this and even more. It has been taken in thousands of cases which were thought to be incurable, and after a fair trial has effected wonderful cures, bringing health, strength and joy to the afflicted.

Says He's Incompetent. Judge G. W. Riddle, of Glenbrook, Douglas county, in a letter to the Roseburg Review, relates his experience with the Oregon Fruit Union. He accuses the manager of the organization, Mr. Willis Brown, with incompetency, and therefore a great injury to the fruit shipping interests of the state. Judge Riddle's experience with Brown and the Oregon Fruit Union is very similar to that of many of our citizens, says the Union Republican.

There are some people who never wear dark glasses and yet never see anything bright; its the people who are dyspeptic and sour. Everything is out of joint with such people. "I suffered many years with dyspepsia and liver troubles but have been relieved since taking Simmons Liver Regulator. I know others who have been greatly benefited by its use."—James Nowland, Carrollton, Mo.

A Sufferer Cured. "Every season, from the time I was two years old, I suffered dreadfully from erysipelas, which kept growing worse until my hands were almost useless. The bones softened so that they would bend, and several of my fingers are now crooked from this cause. On my hand I carry large scars, which, but for

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Cough

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Geo. A. Depeatt deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at his place of business in Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 18th day of November, 1897. W. L. McEVOY, Administrator.

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