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Eastern Oregon is solicited for the DEMOCRAT.
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as special advertisements.

NEW HEAD.—We this week present the DEMOCRAT to our subscribers with a new and neat heading. We intend to continue to make improvements in the appearance of our paper, which will make it in the future as it has been in the past, the live paper of Eastern Oregon. The DEMOCRAT is truly an Oregon paper, and all of our work is done at home. If you want a live paper subscribe for the DEMOCRAT. We are willing that the public shall pass judgment upon our efforts. Self praise is half scandal, and we are not vain enough to think that we publish the best paper in the world, and have not self-conceit enough to make us think that we can do so.

THE MODOC.

By late telegraphic dispatches from the scene of the late Modoc war we are informed that four Modoc warriors have been murdered and one squaw wounded, under circumstances that makes the transaction appear in a very disgraceful and unchristianlike character. It appears that a wagon load of Modoc prisoners were being removed from Fairchild's to Boyl's Camp, consisting of some four or five bucks and several squaws and children—all prisoners and unarmed. On the road between the two points the train was waylaid by men disguised—the team was stopped and Fairchild's intimidated by two men, who fired five shots into the wagon killing four bucks and wounding one squaw. This transaction is a disgrace cast upon the good name of Oregon, and the desperadoes who committed the cowardly act should be, if possible, brought to justice and suffer the extreme penalty of an outraged law. Men who would commit as cowardly act as the above, are not too good to do murder under any and all circumstances. They are enemies to peace and good order, and should be hunted down as have been the Modocs who were guilty of a no worse crime. We hope the people of Southern Oregon will make it their duty to bring these cowardly murderers to justice, and thereby wipe out this foul stain upon their good name. The Oregon Volunteers, on whom the first telegraphic dispatch sought to fix this crime, look upon the act as a disgraceful outrage and one that should be punished to the full extent of the law. Men who volunteer to fight their country's battles are not cowards, and none but cowards could have been guilty of the commission of so disgraceful a crime as the murder of those unarmed and unprotected Modoc prisoners.

Gen. Davis has been ordered to convene a Military Commission to try the Modocs who are accused of any crime, and the finding of the Commission is to be approved by him—instead of being sent to Washington for approval, before being carried out. So if any Modocs are found guilty of murder or other crimes, the penalty attached will follow close upon the rendering of the verdict.

NEW PAPERS.—Messrs. Bellinger, Curry & Co., have commenced the publication of a daily evening paper in Portland, bearing the title of Daily Evening News. It is a neat sheet mechanically, and is Democratic in politics, and Mr. Bellinger as Editor, who is an able and forcible writer. We hope the proprietors will make a success of their enterprise. It takes the place of the Herald.

We have received the 2nd number of the Hawk-Eye, a small weekly paper published by the Gale Bros., at Eugene City. It is a neat, spicy, independent sheet.

Crowded Out.—The new advertisements of Drs. Price & Newsum, and S. V. Knox, together with other matter, are unavoidably crowded out this week.

We received the New York Herald, of June 2d, which contains an able letter in defence of the settlers of Oregon, written by Hon. J. G. Wilson. The letter is long, well written and shows up the present Peace Policy of the government in its true light. Mr. Wilson has done himself great credit in this letter, in his defence of our Oregon settlers. The article is so true and just that we intend to publish it entire in our next issue, and let our citizens read and judge of it for themselves. The DEMOCRAT is an Oregon newspaper, and appropriates all of its available space to the advancement of the interests of Oregon and her citizens, which we could not do if we had our outside printed in Chicago or San Francisco. The selections which we make for our paper are made with an eye to the interests of Oregon which cannot and will not be done by those who select matter in Chicago and San Francisco for the outside of an Oregon paper which is printed in a locality whose interests are adverse to those of ours, as is those of San Francisco and Chicago. We do not now, nor will we use a patent outside for the DEMOCRAT. Others may, and then try to palm their papers off for the BEST. Whether they are the best for Oregon or not we will leave the public to judge. If we had the outside of the DEMOCRAT printed at Chicago we would not be able to give the letter of Hon. J. G. Wilson to our readers, but instead thereof we would have a lot of old and stale selections of no interest to our citizens, and in many cases, misrepresenting Oregon and her citizens. We want none of this. The paper that we buy in Chicago is white, and all the work in printing it is done in Baker City, Oregon.

Noble Bird.—In Eastern Oregon we have a bird of so much value to our plains and of such qualities as a fine dish for the delicate palates of a dainty epicure, that the law makers conceived it positively incumbent upon them to pass a law to protect it from the ruthless ravages of hunters and sportsmen during certain portions of the year—from the first of April to the fifteenth of June. This noble bird is known by the high sounding name of the "Sage Hen," and is dissimilar from all other birds in more points than one. The "Sage Hen" is the largest bird that visits our plains except the Sandhill Crane or Wild Goose, and when full grown is almost as heavy as either of the two mentioned. Its habits are very similar to those of other land fowl—with the exception that its principal diet is that of wild sage, and it is from this fact that it derives the name of Sage Hen. This bird looks, in color, very much like the prairie chicken or grouse. It flies straight, and spreads a beautiful tail with several long feathers in its center when on the wing. When flying it makes a beautiful mark for the sportsman. When young it will try to hide from passers by and in so doing sits very close to the ground, and being so near the color of the sage brush, is very liable to be passed by without being noticed by the inexperienced Sage Hen hunter. This bird differs from other fowl from the fact that it has no gizzard, but instead thereof, a pouch where the food is digested. When the cook prepares it for a roast there is no necessity of using sage in the dressing for the bird already is impregnated with this dainty seasoning to such an extent that, to some epicures, the taste is unpalatable. The young "Sage Hen" is a fine bird for the table, but from an old one, from the first of April until the first of July, the Lord deliver us. Our law-makers, if they understand or appreciate the taste of an old bird that has a pouch instead of a gizzard, need not have passed a law for its protection at any season of the year. The description of this bird is not found in natural history.

FINE SHOWER.—On last Monday afternoon our Valley was visited by one of the finest showers of rain that we have ever witnessed in this Valley, at this season of the year. There is no telling the amount of good it has done all classes of our citizens.

CITY ELECTIONS in Portland and East Portland took place last Monday. In Portland three tickets were in the field—this makes things mixed.

It is no use for us to make a bet with any one who cannot pay if he loses. We want no PATENT OUTSIDES.

A few days since we had the pleasure of seeing and hefting the Quartz and gold boulder taken from Geo. W. Lake's claim on Burnt River, which we mentioned some two or three weeks since; and can truly say that we would not object to finding a few such. The rock is thoroughly impregnated with gold and seams of the pure metal can be seen with the naked eye running all through the whole of it. Its value is about eleven hundred dollars instead of between six and seven hundred as was stated. We wish George may find many more of the same kind or larger, if possible.

U. S. PATENT.

We have the pleasure of announcing the fact that our worthy citizen, Walter Fernald, of Rye Valley, has received his patent from the United States for his Placer Mining Claim in Rye Valley, containing some eighteen acres. This is, we believe, the second United States Patent received in this county for Placer Mining claims. Walter has good claims, and is a man who well deserves them. He is interested in a finely constructed ditch which carries water to his claims, and is now prepared to do work in a systematic and thorough manner, with the best of prospects of ample remuneration for the time, labor and money he has already expended on his ground. We hope others of our miners will take pattern after him and go and do as he has done—get a title for their claims from government.

McCORMICK'S DIRECTORY.—We have received from the publishers of the Oregon State Directory a copy of this work. It is neatly gotten up and is replete with valuable information in relation to Oregon in relation to all matters connected therewith, and the Editor of the work, Mr. Murphy, deserves great credit for the complete manner in which he has discharged his duty, and the publisher, Mr. McCormick, has made a creditable job. We discover one little mistake it has made in relation to the County officers of Baker County. It gives the name of L. O. Sterns as Co. Judge of this Co. whereas Hon. J. D. McFarland is the gentleman who holds that position for Baker Co.

Every citizen of Oregon should have a copy of this valuable work. Persons wishing a copy can obtain the same at "Pap" Levin's wholesale and retail Liquor Store in this City.

CARUTHERS' ESTATE.—It will be remembered that there has been a contest in Portland over what is known as the "Caruthers' Estate," for the past two or three years, and that a man by the name of Joe Thomas, or "Wrestling Joe," was brought on from the east who claimed to be the real heir to the estate in question, and that his claim was sustained by the Courts on several occasions. By latest advices from Portland we are informed that the parties claiming title adverse to that of Joe Thomas have discovered facts which lead them to believe that Joe Thomas is a fraud and that the case was decided in his favor by perjury; and upon the facts they have discovered, there has been several parties arrested on the charge of perjury. Dolph Hanna is the leading party in opposition to the claim of Thomas, and will fight the matter to the bitter end—we hope justice will be done in the matter.

The Oregon Senator's Case.

New York, June 10.—A Tribune's Washington special says that the friends of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, here, state that in view of the wide currency given to the scandal of his private life, he has been advised to resign. The argument used is, that while his change of name will invalidate his claim to a seat in the Senate, and although his present anomalous domestic relations may not be sufficient ground for his expulsion, still it is advisable that the State of Oregon should not be represented by a Senator whose influence will be paralyzed by misfortune which surround him. It is not believed, however, that Mitchell will resign, but will endeavor to make as plausible a statement as possible consistent with the charges made against him.

A. F. & A. M.—The election of officers of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., now in session at Portland, for the ensuing year, came off last week. The following officers were elected: T. McF. Patton, Grand Master; A. Van Dusen, Deputy Grand Master; J. B. Congle, Senior Grand Warden; T. J. Stump, Junior Grand Warden; R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary; B. F. Brown, Grand Treasurer; Jas. R. Bayley, Chairman Committee on Educational Fund.

UNION, Ogn., June 15th, 1873.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT.—I feel that I must take some notice of the Union S. S. Picnic, of last Thursday. The ground selected for the occasion was a beautiful grassy spot in the edge of the woods on the hill above Mr. Holbrook's sawmill. The dinner reminded me of an old fashioned celebration of the 4th of July, away back in "Pike."

Tables were arranged to accommodate all, and as to the provisions—suffice it is to say that there was plenty and of the very best, and surely gave credit to the cooks. I got a little of everything on the table except a piece of spotted cake, that was placed out of my reach—and I believe they done so on purpose as my alimentive nature is so well known.

The table was covered with candy hearts—and "Sweet Hearts" on each side, so thick that there was just room for a young gent beside each of them.

Jeff. Webb, who is ever ready on such occasions, was on hand with plenty of ice cream, soda pop, Lemonade, candies, &c.

After dinner was over, the tables were cleared and two or three swings erected, and those that were so disposed, enjoyed a free ride in a rope swing thirty feet high. About the easiest going thing that I saw during the day was "Pap" Craig's swing. He had only twenty-four feet of rope which he tied to a couple of small trees, about six feet apart, and placing little Anna in the swing and bracing himself against one of the trees with his right hand, kept the swing in motion for about four hours—and I don't know how much longer, for he was still at it when I left.

At four o'clock they began to leave for home, and at five there was no one the ground, unless it was Mr. Craig, and so ended one of the most sociable picnics ever known in Grand Ronde Valley.

Alex. La Buff has a match race on Buckskin, against a California filly, to be run on the Baker City Race Course, on the 15th of July, for \$800 aside.

There is nothing in this section in the line of news, further than that Judge Brainard has returned from Portland and seems to be in good spirits relative to the P. D. & S. L. Railroad.

Yours &c.,

J. O. GNOMON.

Our Weston Letter.

WESTON, Ogn., June 12th, 1873.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT.—At the time of writing the weather is very fine, with a prospect of more abundant crops than has ever before been known in Eastern Oregon. There was more than double the amount of grain sown this year than any former year, since the settlement of this part of the State, and the green fields, with their beautiful waving grain, is a sight which is indeed a pleasant sight to behold. But we should not be unmindful of the source from which we received all these blessings but should be thankful to God, the Great and kind Giver of all good for the many favors he has seen fit to bestow upon us. People have been complaining this spring of hard times and scarcity of money, but of late there has been quite a large lot of cattle brought up in this county, which has had the effect of putting money in circulation among farmers and stock raisers; and it is thought by the time the present wool clip is sold the county will be all right again, financially.

The season of Camp Meetings have now commenced, and ye young men and maidens are on the qui vive for that important occasion with the requisite amount of new clothes.—More anon.

LARRY.

New York, June 10.—A special says an investigation will be made at once into Col. Gillem's conduct of the campaign against the Modocs. Charges have been laid before the War Department, narrating that the command of Major Thomas went out early in the morning, and though the sound of battle was distinctly heard, the commanding officer sent no relief until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but was lounging all day in his tent. On account of this neglect, large numbers of officers and men were killed and wounded. Dr. DeWitt, Assistant Surgeon U. S. A., specifically charges Gillem with neglect for leaving the wounded on the field for thirty-six hours, before orders were given to bring them in for treatment; that Lieutenant Harris died in consequence of this neglect. The feeling among army officers is very intense against Gillem. They

say that he is notoriously incapable, and demand his trial by court martial.

ALBANY, June 10.—The Court of Appeals was unanimous in the opinion of granting Stokes a new trial.—There were two opinions written, one by Gardner and the other by Rapallo. The charge of the court below is held to be erroneous on the point that the law presumes murder from the fact of the killing, and calls on the prisoner to mitigate or justify; also there were errors in excluding the proof of threats by the deceased to kill the prisoner; also error in permitting Mrs. Morse to contradict Jenny Turner in a collateral matter called out on the cross examination of Jenny—namely, as to whether she left Mrs. Morse against her wishes and because the detectives were said to be after her soon after the homicide.

NEW YORK, June 10.—When Stokes was informed of the decision of the Court of Appeals in his case, granting him a new trial, he expressed himself well pleased but added quickly and somewhat sadly: "The report might possibly be untrue, and the disappointment would be all the greater if such proves to be the case."

Dos Passos says upon the next trial he will prove to the satisfaction of the New York public that there has been a gross misrepresentation of the case from the day of the tragedy, and that he will be able to establish the fact of Stokes' innocence by evidence of an overwhelming character. Bets on the decision are in favor of Stokes.

LOS ANGELES, June 10.—The following letter from a special correspondent, received to-night, gives additional details of army movements and the action of Gen. Crook, as well as other facts already telegraphed.

PRESOTT, June 3.—Lieut. Jacob Almy, of the Fifth Cavalry, was killed by the Indians on the San Carlos reservation, on the 27th ult. The particulars are not known yet. On Maj. Brown's return to Camp Grant, near the San Carlos reservation, from the late campaign against Tontos, the Indians having been removed to the San Carlos in the meantime he found great dissatisfaction among them and trouble brewing. There seems to have been a quarrel between ex-Agent Wilbur, and his successor, Larabee, out of which dissatisfaction among the Indians arose, a valuable officer lost his life and much trouble to the whites may eventually ensue. Gen. Crook has been aware of the critical state of affairs, and felt obliged to spare Maj. Brown from his staff in order to be on the spot if trouble came, which he has been anxiously anticipating, and which the messenger from Maj. Brown has just advised him of. It is not known what further information may be in possession of officers at headquarters, but the above is all that is public.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The opinion of the Court of Appeals in the Stokes case, inferentially declares the constitutionality of the New Jury Law, under which the formation of an order of expression of an opinion shall not operate to the exclusion of a juror who takes oath that he can render an impartial verdict on evidence.

MEMPHIS, June 10.—The cholera is undoubtedly on the increase here. The interments were eighteen against eleven yesterday, and at six o'clock undertakers had received orders for fourteen coffins. The weather is still cloudy and sultry. Hon. Jacob Thompson is dangerously ill with cholera.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Sheriff's Sale.

BE VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Grant County, and to me directed and delivered, for a judgment rendered in said Court, on the Fourth day of December, A. D. 1872, in favor of J. M. French, G. B. Gillman and J. M. Roche and against John Worswick and J. J. Hagewood, for the sum of Four Hundred and one Dollar and five cents, Damages, together with—Dollars, Tax Costs, and all accruing Costs, I have levied on the following Property, to-wit:

That certain Saloon and Lot known as the Pony Saloon and Lot, bounded on the North by Frank Flageolet's Hotel, and fronting Washington Street; also, the Dwelling House and Lot, known as Ponies' Dwelling House and Lot, and lying East of William Cosen's Dwelling House and Lot, together with all the tenements and appurtenances thereto belonging. All the above described property being situated in Prairie City, County and State aforesaid.

Notice is hereby given, that on the

Thirty-First day of July,

A. D. 1873, at the hour of Ten o'clock, A. M., I will sell all the right, title and interest of said J. J. Hagewood and John Worswick in and to the above described property, at the Court House Door in Canby City, Grant County, Oregon, at Public Auction, for cash in hand, to the highest and best bidder, to satisfy said Execution and all costs.

WM. P. GRAY,
Sheriff, Grant County, O.

Dissolution Notice.

The Partnership heretofore existing between Anthony Moore, Amasa W. Moore and Albert C. Moore, under the firm name of A. Moore & Bros. has been dissolved by mutual consent. Anthony Moore is authorized to receive and receipt for all moneys due said firm.

A. MOORE & BROS.
May 1, 1873. n6n9

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The massacre of the Modoc captives at Lost River crossing is denounced by every one here. Both Gen. Sherman with the military and Attorney General Williams with judicial authorities, will exercise every possible means to capture and punish the culprits.—The Attorney-General expresses the opinion that it was committed by outlaws who infest that locality, and it will be almost impossible to catch them.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Information received to-day from London, says the Government of Great Britain has made arrangements through the Bank of England, with bankers, to deliver to the Secretary of State at Washington, on or before the 13th of September, \$15,500,000, the amount awarded by the Geneva tribunal to the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—General Schofield has telegraphed Gen. Davis, submitting to him the duty of appointing a commission for the trial of the Modoc prisoners on the spot.

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MASONIC CELEBRATION.

Baker City Lodge No. 47, A. F. and A. M. will Celebrate the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist,

On June 24th, A. D. 1873, at

BAKER CITY, OREGON,

Of which the following will be the Programme of Exercises:

The Fraternity will meet at

MASONIC HALL.

At half past Twelve o'clock. The Procession will form in Front of the Hall, on Front Street, at half past One o'clock, P. M., under the direction of

Dr. J. M. Boyd, Marshal of the Day, and after marching through the principal streets of the City, headed by the Baker City Brass Band, will proceed to the COURT HOUSE, where there will be an Address delivered by

Hon. J. H. Slater,

And the Regular proceedings, appropriate to the day, will be had after which the Procession will reform and march to the Hall.

There will be a

GRAND MASONIC BALL

On the Evening, to attend which a general invitation is extended.

Committee of Arrangements:
A. H. BROWN, J. W. WISDOM,
R. H. CARDWELL.

Floor Managers:
AARON WELLER, D. H. JACKSON,
W. H. BURNHAM.

Baker City, June 4, 1873.—n4td.

Pay Up and Save Cost.

JOHN EPPINGER hereby notifies all those indebted to him, that he has sold out his Meat Market, and that they must come forward immediately and settle their accounts either by Cash or Note, or they will have to pay Cost. I am determined to settle my business.

Baker City, June 4, 1873.—n4tf

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