

OFFICIAL PAPER OF
The Counties of
Baker and Grant.

CORRESPONDENCE from all portions of
Eastern Oregon is solicited for the DEMOCRAT.
All communications, to receive attention,
must be accompanied by a responsible name.
Personal communications will be charged
as special advertisements.

JOSEPH G. WILSON.

Again we are called upon to chronicle
the death of a pioneer.

The King of terrors has again piloted
a sojourner across the dark valley,
and we lament the untimely death of a
friend to our State—and a manly advocate
in the Halls of our National Legislature.

He died at the home of his aged mother
in Ohio, at the village of Marietta, the
home of his youth, July 2nd 1873. Joseph
Gardner Wilson was born in New Hampshire
in the year 1828, thence at an early age,
accompanied by his parents, he removed to
Marietta, where he attended the Marietta
Institute, where he graduated with distinction
in 1847. At the age of twenty he began the
study of Law, after completing his studies
he removed to Salem, Oregon, in 1852, and
entered upon the practice of his profession,
which he continued zealously and successfully,
until the year 1862, when through the
recommendation of Judge M. P. Deady he
was appointed by His Excellency Governor
A. C. Gibbs to the bench, in the newly
organized Judicial District of this State
comprising the counties of Wasco, Umatilla,
Baker, Union and Grant, in which capacity
he ably served the people of Eastern Oregon
for a period of eight years, as an upright,
frank and fearless Judge.

In the year 1870 he was nominated for
Congress but was defeated at the polls. A
grateful appreciation however, of his efforts
and zeal in that contest procured him the
nomination upon the Republican ticket for
the same position in the Campaign of 1872,
at which time he was elected and was waiting
the next session of Congress to enter upon
the arduous duties of that station, when death
stopped his course.

In the private walks of life Judge Wilson
was universally recognized a genial companion,
added to his sterling qualities of intellect,
his presence in the social circle enlivened
and enriched the scene.

As a Judge he was kind and candid; as a
lawyer able and honest; as a friend courteous
and considerate; an indulgent father, a faithful
husband, an unwavering friend, his intercourse
with the people of Eastern Oregon has
enchiseled his name upon their hearts
enduringly.

His political faith, though adverse to
our own, has never obliterated our regard
for him as an honest man—passively yielding
to the motives of a pure heart; in a political
season peculiarly stormy, we would spread
the soft mantle of charity across the record
of any variceny. May the Angels of Peace
have directed his soul to the Elysian
Precincts of Heaven.

MINING NEWS.

From all the surrounding mining camps
we have favorable news. The miners as a
general thing have had a larger amount of
water to work with this season than they
have had before for a number of years, and
in most of the camps there is still a fair
supply and miners are still busily at work
taking out the precious metal in paying
quantities; especially is this the case on
Clarks Creek and in Shasta (Eldorado)
Districts. In Rye Valley the placer mines
have and are paying well, and the quartz
ledges are being opened, and are proving to
be better than the most sanguine have
heretofore anticipated. The indications
are that Rye Valley will ultimately be one
of the best mining districts in Eastern
Oregon. Humboldt Basin has and is yielding
well this season. The altitude of this camp
is higher than that of any other camp in
Baker county, in fact it is so high that no
artificial means can be adopted to furnish
it with water, therefore the mines there can
only

be worked by natural water—this is a slight
drawback to that camp, but still the miners
who own claims there are satisfied with the
results of their labors this season, so far.
Gem, Sparta and Hogem are proving themselves
rich in placer as well as in quartz mines.
These localities are considered as among the
best quartz mining districts on the coast. New
discoveries are being made there every few
days.

The Big Ditch.

Last week we referred to the Eldorado
or Big Ditch, but owing to lack of room we
did not say all that we intended in
reference to this great work. We only spoke
of the past, now we design to refer to what
its prospects are for the future. This ditch
is now carrying only about 800 inches of
water from which is realized about six
hundred dollars for each twenty-four hours,
this is over and above the running
expenses. If this be the case now, with
only eight hundred inches of water in the
ditch, what will it pay when it carries its
full capacity of two thousand inches, with
no more running expenses than at present,
and runs for eight months in the year? It
is an easy matter to work out the answer
either by practice or the single rule of
three.

This ditch is ultimately bound to furnish
the water with which a great portion of the
mines of Rye Valley and the country between
Eldorado and Rye Valley will have to be
worked—this will greatly add to the value
of the ditch property, and it will require
but a comparatively small outlay of capital
to extend the ditch to the localities above
mentioned. When this is done the income
of the ditch will be immense, and the demand
for water cannot be supplied by the ditch
with its present capacity of two thousand
inches. For the next few years all the water
that can be run in the ditch will find ready
and profitable sale in Shasta District.

Looking at the future prospects of this
ditch and the different mining localities that
will look to it for the means to work the
claims successfully, we can see no reason why
the Big Ditch should not be rated as the best
paying property of the kind on coast. In the
hands of a western go-ahead company, with
such a man as J. H. Johnson as superintendent,
this property cannot fail to be a grand success,
and will pay large dividends upon the capital
invested.

ANNEXATION.—A Washington dispatch
says that Rear Admiral Pennock, in his report
to the Navy Department, relative to the
condition of affairs in the Hawaiian Islands,
expresses the opinion that danger exists of
encroachments of foreign Powers in the
Hawaiian territory, which will be prejudicial
to our best interests. The danger lies in the
approaching bankruptcy of the present
government, and the consequent necessity for
a foreign loan, through the influence of
which our supremacy may be threatened
unless sustenance and financial aid are
granted by our people or our Government.

It is probable that our Government will
take immediate steps to firmly secure our
interests in the Sandwich Islands, and use
necessary measures to foster a kindly feeling
toward annexation among the Hawaiian
people. It is absolutely necessary to the
building up and the maintaining of our
Pacific trade that American influence
should predominate in the Sandwich
Islands.

DIPLOMACY.—A Washington dispatch
says that in settling the question as to the
removal of the Kickapoo from Mexican
territory, our Government is anxious, if possible,
to avoid bringing into discussion the
question as to the boundary between Texas
and Mexico, and therefore diplomacy is to
be used to get the Mexican Government to
request our Government to return the
Indian captives taken by McKenzie in his
raid. Indications, based upon official letters
received from Mexico, are that Mexico will
make no complaint against the United States
for the McKenzie invasion other than a request
for the restoration of the Indians captured.
This request will be complied with if at the
same time the Mexican authorities agree to
return the whole tribe of Indians to their
proper protectors—the Government of the
United States. Intimations to this effect will
be made to the Mexican Government, and it
is believed the whole matter can be
satisfactorily arranged.

"LAME!" sighed Mrs. Partington.
"Here I have been sufferin' the bigamies
of death for three mortal weeks. First I
was seized with a bleedin' phrenology in the
hampshire of the brain, which was exceeded
by the stoppage of the left ventilator of the
heart. This gave me information of the left
borax, and now I am sick with the chloroform
morbus. There is no blessing like that of
health, particularly when you're ill."

Our people were well pleased with the
performances of the La Grande Brass Band
on the Fourth of July, at this city.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, June 27th, 1873.

Consistency: thou art a Jewel.

At every State and local republican
gathering that has been held since the
adjournment of congress, a resolution has
been passed condemning in unmeasured
phrase Grant and Butler's Salary Bill,
closely followed by another resolution
(and here's where the laugh comes in) expressing
"increased confidence in the wisdom,
patriotism, unselfishness, sterling integrity
&c., of the soldier statesman at the head of
the government." "Soldier Statesman" is
good; but "unselfishness and sterling
integrity" is more than that—it is positively
luscious—considering that the signature of
this "modest man of simple tastes and few
wants" made the universally condemned
bill a law, and that his share of the
proceeds of the most indecent breach of
trust on record amounts to ten times more
than that of any of his fellow beats. These
and similar inconsistencies of conventions of
office-holders and office-seekers, so palpable
and puerile that any school boy can detect
them, are opening the eyes of the republican
masses to the real character of the active
leaders of their party and the latter are
alarmed for the result.

Grant freezes to his 100,000

Grant has been importuned by all sorts
of republicans and in all sorts of ways to
save the party by returning to the public
treasury the extra pay he has thus far
received, and publicly announcing his
determination to receive no more of it. But
that, he says he won't and can't do, because,
knowing nearly a year ago that the salary
bill was going to be put through Congress,
during its closing hours, he shaped his
affairs, at that time, with reference to his
prospective increase of salary. A movement
was started a short time ago to raise
\$100,000 for him by private subscription,
it being understood that he would, upon the
receipt of that sum, refund his extra salary,
repudiate the salary bill and co-operate with
the clique that proposes to endeavor to
deodorize the republican party by organizing
the House, next winter, without giving the
chairmanship of any committee to Butler
or any of the credit mobiler men. But, thus
far, little has been subscribed toward the
Grant fund and those engaged in raising it
have met with so many rebuffs that the
project has been practically abandoned.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

Legrand W. Perce, a light-weight carpet-
bagger who represented the 5th congressional
district of Mississippi in the two last
Congresses is working hard to secure the
nomination of his party, next winter, for
Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.—But he
won't succeed. He hasn't the ghost of a
chance. There's nothing of him. Ordway,
the present incumbent, will also be a
candidate. It is not yet known that he will
have a strong opponent.

The Clerkship of the House.

Now filled by McPherson, of Pennsylvania,
is sought for by several men, the most
prominent of whom is Col. Daniels, of the
Richmond Journal. Daniels is personally a
very clever fellow, in both the English and
American acceptations of that phrase; but
he is of little account as a politician; and
only a strong and able party politician can
be elected to the position coveted by Daniels.
As McPherson knows everything that has
been done in the House since 1860, and is
one of the best informed men in the country
on national politics and the politics of the
several States, he is generally considered by
members "handy to have in the house" and
will be a strong candidate. He may be
replaced, but certainly not by Daniels.

The Doorkeeper of the House.

Otis P. Buxton, of New York, will most
probably have to take up his bed and walk,
next winter. Buxton is not unpopular, by
any means; but Western and Southern
republican members have been complaining
for some time that the East has had, for
several years, more than its fair share of
favors from the House.—The doorkeeper has
forty appointments in his gift, and that is
why a strong and, I think, successful effort
will be made to secure the position for a
Western or Southern man.

Going to California.

Hon. John D. Defrees, who was Government
Printer under Lincoln and Johnson, has
about made up his mind to go to San Diego,
Cal., and settle there with his family. Mr.

Defrees was an honest and efficient public
officer, and is much esteemed here. As he
is a good journalist and an experienced
politician, he will most probably start a
newspaper in San Diego. If he does, it will
be a good one. He supported Mr. Greeley
during the late campaign.

Ex-Senator Pool.

is on here, from North Carolina, trying
hard to get into confidential relations with
the organizations of workingmen. He thinks
he is making headway, but he is grossly
mistaken. The real leaders of these
workingmen's movements are not the men
with whom he comes in contact—third-rate
men who hang round Washington endeavoring
to make all who listen to their balderdash
believe that they are influential, and who
beg for small positions in exchange for their
good will and promised services. If the signs
of the times be not unusually deceptive,
the Patrons of Husbandry and the several
organizations of mechanics will combine their
strength before the next Presidential election,
construct a platform of their own, and
nominate a candidate. The farmers and
mechanics of this country are numerically
strong enough to run in any candidate they
may select, and they do not lack the capacity
to make a good choice. All they need is
organization. Let them but once unite on
comprehensive industrial issues, and remain
united on them during one presidential
campaign, and the present political parties
will vanish into thin air, and become
traditions of the past.

A. F. B.

OUR UNION LETTER.

UNION, OGN., July 5th, 1873.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—On June 29th Union
and vicinity was visited by the heaviest
rain and hail storm ever known in this
valley. It commenced at two o'clock and
in less than thirty minutes the whole face
of the country was a lake of water. A
water spout bursted on the hills directly
north of the farms of Mrs. Cates, and Mr.
D. R. Benson, and about two miles east of
Union, and the whole face of the hill was
one grand, roaring cataract from summit to
base, the water in some of the gulches
being six feet deep; washing hundreds of
tons of stone down into the road and fields
below, many of which would weigh from
three, to five hundred pounds, and two or
three have been estimated at one thousand
to fifteen hundred pounds. It ruined Mr.
Benson's garden, and uprooted some of his
apple trees—washed down and carried away
nearly a half mile of fence on the Lawrence
ranche, and ruined what grain that chanced
to be in its way. The hail were not large,
but in places they fell very thick, and
being washed in drifts it may be found
now, in places, to the depth of six inches.

Frank Caldwell, of the Cove, lost his
life a few days since, while engaged in
driving logs down the Wallow river. He
ventured in the river with a boat in order
to loosen a jam of logs, when the water
getting the advantage of the boat, turned it
over and Mr. Caldwell was carried under
the logs, and has not been seen since.

Since we skinned that Bull of the
Sentinel, in the DEMOCRAT, he has tried to
gore us and shouts:

"Confound the yowling cats!
Why don't they hunt for rats?
Or keep as still as bats
Or moles, out on the flats?"

Bully! Cats have nine lives while
Bulls have but one. As a general thing
Bulls don't think anything of themselves
won't notice so small a thing as a cat,
but this time he got scratched in a
sensitive place. Well he's a pretty good
little Bull—don't know what blood he is,
but I know his circulation is not very good,
yet, at the same time I think there's
"good leather in him."

The picnic in High Valley, on the 4th,
passed off very pleasantly, there being
plenty of provisions, and every one
seemed to be well satisfied.—There was a
good swing erected, and a dancing floor
laid, and both were in service nearly all
day. The day was very warm, but as we
had a good shade and plenty of cool, fresh
water no one suffered from heat. Dancing
was kept up in Union at night until about
one o'clock.

Yours &c.,

JO. GNOMON.

OUR WESTON LETTER.

WESTON, OGN., July 5, 1873.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—The Fourth was
duly commemorated here by a Picnic held
on the Camp Ground near Weston. An oration
was deliv-

ered by Rev. Mr. Jenkins, and the Declaration
of Independence was read by Mrs. Alice J.
Kirkpatrick. There was a ball given in the
evening which, I am told, was largely
attended, and a very pleasant time was
had.

Farmers are harvesting their hay,
and by the time they are through with
it harvest will commence in good earnest,
and as the crops are very large, there will
be plenty of work for all idle hands to do.

On Thursday last Joseph Mason, while
assisting his father in the blacksmith shop,
met with a disagreeable, if not serious
accident, by a small hammer flying off its
handle and hitting him in the face while
striking.

From some cause or other your
valuable paper failed to come to hand
last week. As it is about the only source
from which we derive our mining and
other news from the upper country, it is
anxiously looked for by your subscribers
each week.

Weather very hot.
O! for a lodge in some vast wilderness,
Some boundless contiguity of shade.
So wrote Cowper, and so says LARRY.

[The DEMOCRAT was mailed to all of our
subscribers, as it always is. We hear a
great deal of complaint lately in relation
to the delivery of mail matter when it is
due. What, or where the cause is we are
not now prepared to say. We have received
letters from Pendleton lately which were
ten or twelve days making the trip—in fact,
received a letter of inquiry as to the contents
of a former one, which was not received at
that time. Our people are getting tired
of such delays and mistakes with their
mail matter, and if there is not a change
for the better soon, steps should and will
be taken to ascertain where the difficulty
originates, and who are the negligent or
unqualified parties who have the handling
of the mails on the route between Boise
City and Umatilla. The stages are now as
regular as clock work, therefore postmasters
cannot shift the blame from their
shoulders to that of the stage company.]

RETURNED.—By the stage on Monday
one of our old citizens, who had shaken
the dust of Baker City from off his feet,
and then determined to leave us for good,
returned and is now satisfied that a better
place than Baker City cannot be found for
business, health and the enjoyment of life.
Mr. V. Pfeifferberger has been absent some
ten months, and during that time has made
a thorough examination of the east, west,
north and south, East of the Rocky
Mountains, as well as California and
Western Oregon, but could find no locality
that held out to him the same inducements
for business that he could find in this city.
Mr. P. is a valuable citizen, and his old
friends are all well pleased to have him
with them again.

A couple of highwaymen went through
Dr. Tierney's city, on Tuesday, of last
week, near Lower Powder bridge, on the
Baker and Gem City road. They made a
haul of about one hundred and forty
dollars, in gold dust. The Dr. says they
were very polite to him.

Periodicals.

GODEY'S Lady's Book for July is on our
table, and is replete with good reading
matter. It also contains fashionable
plates and beautiful steel engravings.
It is one of the best Ladies Magazines
published in America. It and the
DEMOCRAT will be sent to any subscriber
one year for Six Dollars in advance.

PETER'S Musical Monthly for July is on
our table and is full of the best original
music. For persons wishing music for the
Piano, Melodeon or Organ this is the best
work that they possibly can secure. It is
published by J. L. Peters, New York.—We
will send it and the Democrat one year
to any subscriber for six Dollars in
advance.

Wood's Household Magazine for July is
ahead of any previous number, and when
we consider its usual standard excellence,
this is rare praise indeed. It is household,
not only in name but in character, and its
table of contents shows a wonderful
adaptation of articles to the individual
members of the family circle. The
Childrens department is crowded full,
and contains a poem, in baby-talk which
without doubt will be very acceptable to
the little ones. The price of the magazine
is one dollar a year. Address, WOOD'S
HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE, Newburgh, N. Y.

A CARD.

The members of the La Grande Brass
Band beg leave to return their heartfelt
thanks to the citizens of Baker county,
and especially to the citizens of Baker
City, for the kind and gentlemanly
manner in which they were received and
entertained on the occasion of their visit
to Baker City and County, on the 4th of
July, and will always hold in their hearts
a pleasant remembrance of the pleasure
they derived from their short but
pleasant visit, and hope at some not far
distant future to enjoy a like pleasure.

J. B. THOMSON,
Sec'y La Grande Brass Band.

JAS. W. VIRTUE,

BAKER CITY, OREGON,
BROKER AND ASSAYER

DEALER
In Gold Dust,

—AND—
GOLD AND SILVER BARS,

—ALSO—
EXCHANGE AND GREENBACKS

Office—First door north Odd Fellow's Hall
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BAKER CITY MARKET.

Next Door to the Restaurant,
Baker City, Oregon,

C. B. FISHER, PROPRIETOR.

IS PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE
the public with—
Beef at Retail—2 to 10 cents per pound.
Beef by the side—6 cents per pound.

Fresh Pork,
Pickled Pork,
Fresh Mutton,
Corned Beef,
Sausages

Hams,
Shoulders,
Neats Foot Oil,
Fresh Lard & Tallow

Take Notice.
All bills must be settled monthly, on
the 1st of each month.
Trade solicited.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the undersigned has been appointed
administrator of the Estate of George
Homer, deceased; said appointment
having been duly made by the Hon. J. D.
Farland, County Judge of Baker County,
Oregon, on the 7th day of July, A. D. 1873.
This is therefore to notify all persons
having claims against said Estate, that
they are requested to present them, with
proper vouchers, within six months from
the date hereof, to the undersigned, at
Baker City, in said County and State.
Dated at Baker City, Baker County, Oregon,
July 7th, 1873.

JAMES FLETCHER,
Administrator of the Estate of George
Homer, deceased.
Sterns & Hyde, Attys for Adm'r.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the undersigned has been appointed
administrator of the Estate of George
Homer, deceased; said appointment
having been duly made by the Hon. J. D.
Farland, County Judge of Baker County,
Oregon, on the 8th day of July, 1873.
This is therefore to notify all persons
having claims against said Estate, that
they are requested to present them, with
proper vouchers, within six months from
the date hereof, to the undersigned, at
Baker City, in said County and State.
Dated at Baker City, Baker County, Oregon,
July 8th, 1873.

C. M. KELLOGG,
Administrator of the Estate of George
Homer, deceased.
Sterns & Hyde, Attys for Adm'r.

Stone Cutting and Building.

Messrs. Roberts & Nelson would
respectfully inform the people of Baker
City, and vicinity, that they are prepared
to build foundations for houses, cellars,
walks, as well as larger structures, and
attend to any work of this kind at a
reasonable price.

Public Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
I will not be responsible for any debts
contracted by my son, James M. Dean,
18 years of age, and has been doing busi-
ness for himself for the past year, and I have
given him his time.
The public will take notice of the above
and govern themselves accordingly.
Lower Powder River, June 21, 1873.
S. M. DEAN,
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Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION
issued out of the Circuit Court of the
State of Oregon, for Grant County, and
me directed and delivered, for the
debt rendered in said Court, in favor
of said day of June, A. D. 1873, in favor
of Joseph Messenger and Nine Hundred
Hobson, for the sum of Nine Hundred
Twenty-four Dollars and some cents,
with Thirty-seven Dollars and some
cents, taxed costs, and all accruing
interest, I have levied on the following
property, to-wit:

The south half of the southwest quarter
of the southwest quarter of the southeast
quarter, and the northeast quarter of the
southwest quarter of section Eighty-two,
Township 15, South of Range Thirty-one,
East of the Willamette Meridian, together
with the tenements and all appurtenances
thereunto belonging, being situated in
Day Valley, Grant County, Oregon.

Notice is hereby given, that on the
Thirtieth day of July,

A. D. 1873, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M.,
I will sell all the right, title and interest
I own in and to the above described
property, at the County House Door, in
Canyon City, Grant County, Oregon,
at Public Auction, for Cash, to the
highest bidder, and best bidder, and
satisfy said execution and costs.
WILLIAM P. GRAY,
Sheriff.

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