BAKER CITY, OCTOBER 22, 1873.

THE BEDROCK DEMOCRAT Has the Largest Circulation of any Paper Published in Eastern Oregon.

#### OFFICIAL PAPER For the Counties of Baker and Grant.

Wood. - We want, and must have, some wood at this office; also flour, grain and hay.

#### SOIL OF EASTERN OREGON.

There has been a great deal written and said in relation to the soil and productions of Eastern Oregon. and actual experience has demonstrated facts lately, that were considered visionary in the early settlement of this portion of our State. 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 mining and 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 have, ever since the mill started, eroneous 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 first obtained among our early 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 seil of our sagebrush alkali plains produces every thing 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 Valley first rate corn is raised where the sage brush 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, and the past season but little irrigation was needed to accomplish this result.

Our farmers are beginning to realize the fact that they have good land well adapted to the raising of small grain, and that for fruit growing it is as good as the best on the coast .-The high altitude and cold nights precludes the raising of corn with any certainty of good crops.

Eastern Oregon may be set down as one of the best stock ranges in the world; and for the growing of all kinds of vegetables it is second to none, and for small cereal it is as good as the best, and for fruit we are satisfied, from what we have seen, that there will be no reason to complain. Our fruit is of the best and richest flavor-far surpassing that of the Willammette Valley.

To make this one of the most deairable places to live, we now need but the means of quick and cheup transportation for our surplus probe made to yield wealth untold to the husbandman, as well as to all other classes of our citizens, and our healthy and prosperous citizens, who would soon become wealthy and independent, bringing with them manufactories of all descriptions necessary to the wants and demands of a rich and prosperous people.

How is it that a man who belongs to the Methodist Church can buy and drink his bottle of whiskey in a day and night? and make loud pretensions to being a good Christian, and then call his neighbor, who drinks no spirituous liquors,a "Midnight Reveller?" It is thought by some that he was drunk when he made the expression, and misto-k his neighbor for himself!

Linn County, Hi Smith's own county, gave 499 majority for Nes- ton of Eldorado, for late Chicago Pa- and Washington Territory papers

is the title of a monthly publication published at New York and San Francisco. It is a large sixteen page paper and is devoted to the interests of the Western States and Territories, and its editor takes great pains to obtain the most authentic and reliable news possible in relation to all matters pertaining to this section of country, but once in a while he, as are all other editors, is informed by irresponsible scribblers who wish to see their name or initials in public print, and who wilfully or from ignorance misrepresent what they write about, and as a sample of this style of correspondence we give the following extract from a communi- ment for \$343. cation dated Baker City, Sept. 9th., 1873, and signed with the initials of W. S. N., in which the writer says:

"Discoveries of quartz mines are frequent, but few are worth work- judgment for \$239.35. ing. Among the latter the 'Connor Creek' was supposed to be the best, for \$843. but alas! for the high hopes of the purchasers, this, too, bas given out."

Everybody in this section of country who knows anything about this ledge, knows the above to be false in more points than one. First-the ledge has never been sold and is still Bros.-jndgment for \$342. in the hands of the original discoverers. Second-it has not given ont. but, on the contrary, is getting better. The owners of this ledge have a five stamp mill running on it and made big wages and profits out of the Ledge. The rock is decomposed quartz and one man can take out fifteen and twenty tons per day. We are assured that the Ledge is very rich, so much so that a pan of the decomposed quartz can be taken and washed, and one dollar to the pan realized. We should say that this fact does not demonstrate that the Ledge had given out.

We would advise the World not to place too much reliance on W.S. N's statements, for they will find a great many as incorrect as are the above.

MASONIC HALL .- On last Friday evening the New Masonic Hall, of this city, was dedicated by Grand Master McF. Fatton, in accordance Transferred to U. S. Court. with the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Craft on such occasion .--After which Hon. S. F. Chadwick delivered an appropriate and interesting address, which was listened to with marked attention by the members of the Fraternity, as well as by a large number of our citizens who were present to witness the dedication ceremonies. Mr. Chadwick is an easy, pleasant speaker, and fully qualified to do this or any other subject justice. The audience were well pleased with the address, and were only sorry that it was so brief.

The New Hall of the Fraternity in this city is one of the finest in the State. It is located in the new block of Stone Buildings erccted here this to the corner, with an entrance in the rear. The ante rooms are conveniently arranged. The Fraternity

justly feel proud of their Hall. After the dedication ceremonies and the address, the members of the Craft and their friends were invited to partake of a bountiful repast which was spread in Roberts and Nelson's Hall adjoining the Masonic. While the repast was being discussed the Hall was cleared, and those who were wont to join in the amusement of "tripping the light fantastic toe," formed upon the floor and had a pleasant time, which was kept up till about one o'clock in the morning. Everything passed off in the most pleasant manner, and the Fraternity deserved great credit for their efforts to make the time pass pleasantly, in which they were eminently

NEW EXPRESS OFEICE.-Mr. R. H. Cardwell, Wells Fargo & Co's Agent. ducts, and then Eastern Oregon will is building a new office for the accommodation of his Company at this city. The new office is situated on Front Street about the middle of the country will speedily fill up with block next below the New Stone Bank Block, and will be a building twenty two feet wide by fifty feet long, and will contain five roomsfour of which will be occupied by Mr. Cardwell's family, and the front room will be finished off as the Express office. This arrangement is necessary from the fact that the Express from Umatilla arrives at about one o'clock in the night, and the Agent has to be there at that time.

> T. McF Patten, Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity of Oregon, paid our city a visit last Friday, on business connected with the craft.

Hon. S. F. Chadwick, Secretary of the State, paid our city a visit on Blakely-a printer-so that we can last Friday.

We are indebted to Mr. R. P. Lay- importance to both parties. Oregon

CROFUTT'S WESTERN WORLD .- This | CIRCUIT COURT-OCTOBER TERM.

Hon. L. L. McArthur, presiding. The following cases were tried and disposed of as below stated:

E. Martin & Co. vs. Geo. H. Sally -judgment for \$569,23.

A. H. Brown vs. A. Moore & Co .judgment for \$480,40. J. L. Kline vs. G. W. Phippsudgment for \$1170. Willamette Iron Works vs. Thos. McMurrrn-Dismissed

Sam Jobe vs. Ada Jobe-dismissed at Pl'ffs cost.

G. W. Ames vs. W. S. Bosswelljudgment for \$531,62. Peck & Co. vs. W. Perry-judg-

ment for \$1032,80. W. L. Sutton vs. Malheur, Burnt River Ditch-judgment for \$2480.51. P. Ivory vs. Same as above-judg-

D. R. Benson vs. H. Bardin-con-

Geo. W. Sayres vs. Ditch Co .indgment for \$400. J. E. Meacham vs. Ditch Co. -

McCleary vs. Ditch Co. - judgment D. J. Spencer vs. Ditch Co .- judg-

ment for \$371,25. S. Myers vs. Ditch Co .- judgment for \$555.

Patterson & Johnson vs. Chas. Goodnough-continued. W. J. Leatherwood vs. A. Moore &

A. J. Weatherby vs. Swazze Bros. Writ of Review Sustained. John Brady vs. W. Perry-judgment for \$1259,75.

John Brattain vs. W. H. Rockfel low-judgment for \$1380,91. A. McPherson vs. Oregon Canal Mining Co.-judgment for \$950. C. McLain vs. Jas. Lynn-judg-

ment for Pl ff of costs. L. O. Sterns vs. Louis Schambien -Confirmation of sale. W. J. Leatherwood vs. A. Moore &

Bros. - indgment for \$342,80. D. Ennis vs. Ogn. Canal and Mining Co.-judgment for \$543,55. W. J. Patterson vs. M., B. D. and M. Co.—judgment for \$16,053,75. E. L. Johnson vs. M., B. R. D. and M. Co.-judgment for \$1259,50.

F. M. Bostemass vs. Glenn Lowe et al,- judgment for \$146,62. Bamberger & Frank vs. R. C. Bunch-judgment for \$323,95. G. W. Sayres vs. M., B. R. C. D. & Co.-judgment for \$498,80.

J. A. Tucker vs. R. A. Piercejadgment for \$158,75. G. W. Newsom vs. N. W. S. Co .-

E. Martin & Co. vs. G. W. Phillips udgment for \$807. McCann & Edwards vs. Jas. Lynn

-judgment for \$500. Davis & Schuyler vs. R. S. Portlow-judgment for \$348,75. Cowles & McDaniel vs. W. S. Bosswell-judgment for \$662,26.

John Young vs. S. W. Nelsonjudgment for \$650. Cowles & McDaniel vs. W. S. Boswell & H. Barnes-judgment for

Dodge & Co. vs. Dan'l Edwardsjudgment for \$825,70.

Knapp, Burrell & Co. vs. W. C. Hull-judgment for \$149,81. S. Hannah vs. J. M. Boyd-judgment for \$972.

A WONDERFUL Hog. -The Chinaman who was arrested some time since for stealing one of Ried & season. It is hard finished; it is next | Fletcher's fat bogs, did not steal the hog. The hog was killed some ten or fifteen days before the Chinamen stole it. That hog was a wonderful hog; it had a hole in its ear that weighed three hundred pounds,the hole was a natural hole, but the hog had no ears-the dogs tore them off; the hog weighed three hundred pounds and the hole in its ear weighed three hundred pounds, so it would appear that the weight of the hog was six hundred pounds. It had no tail, but its tail was about two or three inches long, and the three hundred pound hole was in the right hand corner of the ear. The Chinamen bought the hog on North Powder, and it was his hog-but it was not-it was Ried & Fletcher's. All the above facts come out in the trial of the case. Now the question is, whose hog was it? The Chinaman was found not guilty.

PRISONERS GONE.—Sheriff Shinn on last Friday's stage started Deputy Sheriffs George, Harper and Dolby with four or five prisoners for the Penitentiary at Salem; and then he himself left on Saturday evening with another installment. Baker County will be pretty well represented at the Hotel de Watkins, when the above parties arrive there. Although we send a large number of prisoners this time it will be born in mind that they had not all been residents of this county. Three or four of them were soldiers, who, while passing through our county, committed the depredations for which they were tried and convicted.

ALEX. BLAKELY .- The editor of the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT would like to know the whereabouts of Alex correspond with him on matters of Please notice.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, October 14th. By the President of the United States of America; a Proclamation:

"The approaching close of another year brings with it the occasions for the Universe. Of the nonumbered tion is recovering from the lingering half a dozen of mistresses." results of a dreadful civil strife. For these and all mercies vouchsafed, it becomes us as a people to return heartfelt and greatful acknowledgements; and with our thanksgiving we may unite prayers for the cessation of local and temporary suffering. I therefore recommend that on Thursday, the 27th day of November next, the people meet in their respective places of worship, to make their acknowledgements to Almighty God for his bounties and His protection, and to offer to Him prayer for their continuance."

In witness whereof I have herennto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at Washington, this 14th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1873, and of the Independence of the United States the Ninety seventh.

ULYSSES S. GRANT President. By H Fisa, Sec'y of State.

CIRCUIT COURT. - The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County, adjourned on last Saturday night a little before twelve o'clock, after being in session two weeks .-There was a large docket, and Judge MeArthur had to hold court night and day to get through with the business. He is quick, prompt and a good Judge. Our people are well pleased with him, and he has the thanks of all for his untiring endeavors to get through with the business. He left for La Grande on the stage on Sunday evening, and opened Court at that place on last Monday morn-

OPENED AGAIN .- On last Sunday all the business houses in our city were open for business. We understand it was found that the policy of making them close on Sunday was a bad one, and one that cannot be carried out in a mining camp, or a town where miners do their trading, and so, we are informed, the District Attorney ordered his Deputy here not to cause any more arrests. The law cannot regulate these matters, but they will naturally regulate them-

Peters musical monthly, for Octcber, is on our table-it is one of the best numbers that we have yet received. This musical work is evidently improving with every number issued, and every musician as well as all lovers of good music should not be without it. The music it contains in one year would not be bought in sheet form for ten times the amount the magazine costs-\$3 per year or 30 cents a No. It is pub fished by J. L. Peters 599 Broadway, New York.

The Union County Fair, which closed on last Saturday, is said to have been a complete success. The editor of the Sentinel become "fuddled" and could not give any particulars. The various refreshments found on the ground in baskets, and otherwise, was too much for the poor fellow, he could not stand up under all the pressing innitations he received.

NEW PAPER.-The Oregon City Enterprise says: "We have received the initial number of the Baker City Herald. One half of the paper is printed in San Francisco, [St. Louis] and the other in Baker City. It deserves the demise that certainly awaits all patent outsides. If you cannot get out both sides of a paper you had better close shop."

The Walla Walla Statesman says: "A copy of the Baker City Herald bas been received by us. It is democratic in principle, and, save that abomination, patent ontsides, presents a neat typographical appearance. We are sorry that the proprietor found it necessary to adopt the patent outside humbug."

HON. JAS. H. SLATER left for home on Sunday morning. We had the pleasure of erasing his name from our subscription list before he left, because we were independent enough to express our honest views in relation to his availability as a candidate for Congress, in which we know we are, and will be sustained by the people of Baker County, as well as Eastern Oregon.

> Mrs. R. C. : hepherd IS AGENT FOR

Baker City, Dec. 1, 1872 n30tf

MINISTER WASHBURNE ON BACK-PAY.-Hon. E. B. Washburne, minister of the United States to the French capital, thus explains himself upon the back pay question:

"I was in Congress when the salarenewed thanksgiving and acknowl- ry was but \$3,000, and I always edgment to the Almighty Roler of found it more than sufficient to meet my necessary personal expenses .mercies which he has bestowed upon | When it was raised to \$5,000 I us, abundant harvests have been thought it too much, and think so among the rewards of industry. still; but raising it to \$7,500 is noth-With local exceptions health has | ing more nor less than straight steal been among the blessings enjoyed. ing. Every year that I was in Con-Tranquillity at home and peace with | gress I laid by a portion of my salaother nations have prevailed. Fru- ry, and none of my constituents ever gal industry is regaining its merited | complained that I didn't live decentrecognition and its merited rewards. ly. The people don't send their rep-Gradually, but under the Providence resentatives to Washington to live of God, surely, as we trust, the na- like princes, buck the tiger, and keep

BUSINESS .- The BEDROCK DEMO-CRAT, published at Baker City, now issues an extra or supplement, of fourteen columns, eleven of which is select reading matter. This display of energy on the part of the editor should bring its own reward in the way of long lists of new subscribers .- Albany Register.

ELECTIONS. - The Independent Peoples' Party have elected the Supreme Judge, McKinstry, in Califor-

In Iowa the Legislature is anti-Republican by some 15 or 20 on joint

tion of sheep raisers, as well as our farmers, to the advertisement of Messrs. Reid & Fletcher in another column. They have a fine lot of blooded Sheep, which they intend to sell cheap. Here is a good chance for our sheep men to improve their

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DRESS MAKINC!

Mrs. R. C. Shepherd & Co.,

Respectfully inform the Ladies of Baker City and vicinity, that they Baker City and vicinity, that they was dissolved on the 19th day of September, have opened an establishment, at the 1873. R.D. McCord having withdrawn from residence of Mrs. R. C. Shepherd, in the business by mutual consent.
R. D. McCORD. Baker City, where they are prepared to Cut, or Cut an Make all kinds of Ladies & Childrens Clothing.

All orders from the surrounding Towns and Country will be premptly attended to, at the same prices that our City customers are

Stamping for Embroidering and Braiding done to order.

LATEST FASHIONS Received every month, direct from New

MRS. SHOCKLEY Has received a fine assortment of Ladies Dress Trimmings, Bonnets,

Hats. &c., &... Direct from San Francisco and Portland. All of the latest style and patterns, which she has pened at the Dress Making Rooms at the esidence of Mrs. R. C. Shepherd, where she will be pleased to have the Ladies of Baker City and vicinity give her a call-October 22, 1873.- n241f

NOTICE .--- ALL PERSONS ARE hereby warned not to purchase the following promissory notes, drawn by Arthur T. Rice and endorsed by Clarke, Layton & Co., as the same were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation and are without consideration, all of said notes bearing date May 23d, 1873: No. 1. To T. J. Carter, due Aug. 23, 1873, \$8,000

Sept. 23d, 1873, 4,000 Oct. 23d. Nov. 23d, " 16 J. W. Virtue, March 1st, 1874, 2,700 1873, 2,200 Oct. 23d, Oct. 1st, 1873, 1,000 Dec. 1st, 1873, 2,000 There should be endersed on No. 16, \$880. No. 17 to J. W. Virtue, due June 1, 1874, \$2,000 July 1. " Ang. 1, 21 W. H. Packwood, " July 1, " \$1,829,41 22 J. A. Packwood. " Nov. 1, " 4,829,41 " 23 W. H. Packwood, "July 1, 1875, 4,829,41 24 J. A. Packwood, " 25 to T. J. Carter, due July 1, 1874, 4,849,61 " Nov. 1, " 4,849,61 " July 1, 1875, 4,849,61 4,849,61 ARTHUR T. RICE, CLARKE, LAYTON & CO.

To Sheep Raisers!!

October 21, 1873.-n24t1

Imported Cotswold Sheep for Sale. NE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN Head Thorough bred Cotswold Sheep, lately Imported from the best herds in Canada. The above Sheep are Full Blooded and as fine as any on the Coast. There are Forty Bucks in the lot.

The whole will be sold in lots to suit purchasers, and at REASONABLE PRICES.

For particulars, enquire of REID & FLETCHER. Baker City, Ogn.

WANTED, AGENTS FOR OUR Great Pictorial work, just published, WHISKY, BRANDY,

### A LA CALIFORNIA,

Sketches of Life in the Golden State, By the late Col, ALBERT S. EVANS. Beautiful Octavo, Splendidly Illustrated. Vivid Pen Pain ings of Life in California, etc., etc. ACENTS ALSO WANTED FOR

The "Manual of American Ideas." A most invaluable work for every American Citizen, Octavo, 358 pages. Also just issued, The FARMERS' JOURNAL and ACCOUNT Is kept in our New FIRE PROOF CELLA

selling books. A. L. BANCROFT & CO. n24n30 San Francisco, Cal.

## JAS. W. VIRTUE.

BAKER CITY, OREGON,

BROKER AND ASSAYER

In Gold Dust.

AND SILVER BARS.

## EXCHANGE & GREENBACKS

-ALSO-

Office-First door north Odd Fellow's Hall [n49v2tf]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Virtue Gold Mining Company

Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California; Location of works. Baker county, Oregon. OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT at a meeting of the Board of Directors neld on the Fourth day of October, 1873 an assessment (No. 3) of Seventy-five cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, No. 426 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the Twelfth day of November, 1873, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the

Republican by some 15 or 20 on joint to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and espenses of sale. By order of the Directors.

C. F. BALCOM, Secretary.

Office—No. 426 Montgomery street, San prepagation of the pr Francisco, California.

Money Wanted!

DR. J. M. BOYD RESPECTFULLY informs all those indebted to him that his necessities com, el him to have money to meet his liabilities, therefore he hopes those in tebted to him, either by note or book account, will come and pay up. He must have money or somebody else will settle his business for him; and it will be easier to settle \*with me than with some other person. DR. J. M. BOYD.

Dissolution Notice.

TOTICE ISHEREBY GIVEN THAT the partnership heretofore existing between R D. McCord and Peter Dei-enroth

Baker City Oct. 13th, 1873. LIVERY STABLE

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built, and the proprietor is now pre-SPLENDID STYLE. The Proprietor will spare neither labor nor expense to render his establishment a

He will keep constantly on hand a sup

Good Horses,

Single and Double Buggies, Carriages, etc.,

And everything connected with a first class LIVERY STABLE. Saddle horses hared to go to any part of the country. Horses boarded, and the best care bestowed upon them while in his

Terms reasonable. Thankful for past patronage, Texpect by honest and liberal dealing to deserve the continued patronage of the public.
n25tf PETER DEISENROTH

1873. · 1874 THE Fall & Winter Campaign

New Store Building New Goods,

In J. W. Virtue's New Bank Block

Who esale and Retail DEALERS, Enter the Field this Winter with the LARGEST STOCK

NEW GOODS Ever Offered in this Market, which they are

determined to sell for Smaller Profits Than any other House in Eastern Oregon. Our Stock embraces every thing in the line of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes,

Tobacco and Cigars, and Everything pertaining to a Comple

Stock of General Merchandise.

Our Stock of Liquors Is well supplied with the Best Brands of

WINE, etc., etc. And we offer the same at Lowest Figures

TO THE FARMERS!

Farmers wanting anything in the line Reapers, M. wers, Threshers, Feed Mills, Wagons, Horse Rakes, Harrows, Plows, or OTHER AGRICULTURAL MACHINER will find it to their advantage to give us a cal

Wholesale Department BOOK. Send for terms upon these rapid Give us a Call at Virtue's New Bank Bio on Front Street, Baker City, Oregon. BAMBERGER & FRANK Baker City, Oct. 1, 1873.-n21tf