

Bedrock Democrat.

Baker City, Jan. 20, 1875.

THE P. D. and S. L. RAILROAD.

COLD WEATHER.—On Tuesday night, Jan. 5th, the mercury took a sudden fall and on Wednesday morning it was down to sixteen degrees below zero. Since that time it has at no time been but little warmer and on last Friday morning at half past eight o'clock the mercury was down to twenty degrees below zero, and earlier in the morning it had dropped as low as twenty-five degrees. It is now (Friday) eleven days that we have had intense cold weather for this section of country and no indication of it moderating. On last Tuesday night it snowed some two to four inches with the mercury away down below zero. This is an unheard of occurrence in Eastern Oregon until this winter. The Columbia River below the Dalles is closed, and the mails between those two points have to go over the Cascade range of mountains on the old trail. This cuts off our Portland and Wallatette papers, hence we have no news from that section of the State. Snake River at Old's Ferry, cannot be crossed with the large ferry boat—the mails and passengers have to be crossed in a small boat on account of running ice. The great and majestic Powder River is frozen up and the beautiful streams that used to ripple down the "vine clad" hills and mountains have for the present ceased their sparkling flow—at this stage of the writing of this article we were drawn away from a beautiful flight of fancy by the terrible and alarming cry of—
FIRE! FIRE!!—And upon rushing out into the street, and looking up and down we soon discovered that the cry originated from the bursting of Mrs. Ireland's dwelling house, about two blocks to the west of our office. The fire, in some manner, caught under the floor and when discovered had got under such headway that there was no prospect of saving the nice and new residence of the worthy widow lady, and only by the utmost efforts could the furniture, clothing &c., or any part of it be saved. The weather, as above remarked, was intensely cold, but our citizens turned out en masse to render all the aid in their power towards helping to subdue the fire king, but their efforts, without Hooks and Ladders and a Fire Engine, were unavailing. The fire passed up between the lining and papering and the weatherboarding and it was full half an hour, from the time it was discovered, before it broke out through the roof, and when it did the building was one mass of flame. Although the fire was a hot one, several of the persons who were aiding about the burning building had their toes, fingers and ears slightly frostbitten—there was about six or eight inches of snow on the ground and on the surrounding buildings, and but very little air stirring at the time, this prevented the spreading of the flames. At this writing we have not learned the amount of loss, but should judge that it will not fall short of twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. This is the second time Mrs. Ireland has had the misfortune to be burned out of house and home in our county. In March, 1865, her dwelling house, near Wiegville, was burned with everything it contained.

OUR MINING NEWS.

ANOTHER COMSTOCK IN BAKER COUNTY—RICH BONANZA STRUCK IN GREEN'S DISCOVERY AT RYE VALLEY—IMMENSE YIELD OF BULLION—ALL OF OUR MINES SELF-SUSTAINING AND PAYING DIVIDENDS.—Yesterday, in the Banking House of J. W. Virtue, we had the pleasure of inspecting the first lot of Silver Bricks ever run in Oregon; the proceeds of three weeks run of Green & McDonald's five Stamp Mill on rock from Green's Discovery. The Bricks weighed forty-one pounds each, 960 fine in silver and .05 in gold. They keep their Mill running day and night, and large shipments will come in every month.

On the Coyne Creek Ledge fifteen stamps are running constantly on rich Ore; their clean up for the present month will not fall short of \$10,000.

Hoover & Co., are running five stamps on the Summit Ledge with splendid result. F. E. Cabell of the famous Cabell Ledge is attaching an engine and boiler to his eight stamp Mill, and will have them in working order in a few days. This will enable him to double his bullion receipts; formerly he ran his stamps by water power. The Ledge is looking well and great quantities of rich ore in sight.

The "Virtue" is running smoothly, with twenty stamps going up and down day and night as regular as clock work, on rich gold sulphurites, Mr. Hyde the gentlemanly Superintendent informs us he is now sinking on the main shaft at the third level; the ledge is over two feet wide, with excellent milling Ore. He is also pushing forward on his north and south drifts, with excellent success. There is now sufficient Ore in sight to keep twenty stamps running for years.

Prospects for our placer mines are most favorable. We have abundance of snow; water will be plenty; numbers are making preparations to improve it. Newditches are being dug and old ones repaired. The branch of the Eldorado ditch being dug to Amelia is near completion; this will open up eight miles more of rich mining country, and will be a great benefit to the miners there and profit to the Ditch Company.

The building of this road is a national necessity, demanded by the wants of the whole commercial community of the east as well as of the great west. It gives to the east a certain, sure and safe connection with the Pacific ocean at all seasons of the year. This road is the nearest and most direct route for the trade of China, Japan and the Sandwich Islands to the Atlantic coast and Europe, and when built is destined soon to become the great feeder of the Union Pacific; and through it the great trans-continent railway of the United States.

Wm. F. McCrary.—Wm. F. McCrary, our worthy Postmaster, has been very sick for the past three months. He is reduced to a mere skeleton. Not being a physician, we will not attempt to give a name to, or a description of the disease with which he is afflicted. The very cold weather which has visited us for the past two or three weeks has had a deleterious effect upon his health. His physicians, we understand, and his family and friends think, with a decided moderation of the atmosphere, there are chances for his recovery.

We have been intimately acquainted with Mr. McCrary for the past thirty-one years, and take pleasure in saying that he is a noble, good and true man; a fast friend, a worthy husband and father. During his sickness he has had every attention that a loving and devoted wife and family could render, and the friends of the family have been prompt and constant in their attentions for which the family feel truly grateful.

We, with our whole community, sincerely hope for the speedy recovery of our friend, whose health which should not be the case we must submit to the decree of an All-wise Providence.

PAPERS.—We return our thanks to some unknown friend in the East for late copies of the daily Cincinnati Enquirer and St. Louis Republican.

A "Chinook" came along yesterday and knocked our Weather Report to Blixen.

Union Items.

Grand Ronde valley contains about six inches of snow on a level. The coldest day known here since the settlement of the valley, as that of Jan. 17th 1875, the mercury settling down to 20° below zero. All the branches are froze up so that stock cannot get water, and there is now about 200 head of cattle in this valley belonging to parties in Baker Co., (E. Perkins et al.) that will surely perish unless they receive attention soon.

The boys of Union never felt the need of cutters so much as at present, consequently there are more rude looking turnouts to be seen on our streets.

Wood! Wood!! is the cry now of those who took "whispering Thompson's" word for it, that there would be no cold weather here this winter. Thompson is condemned as a prophet.

We noticed E. S. McComas, Editor of the Sentinel, in our burg last week. He is as gay as ever and looks just as he did before "James" shot at him; and it will not be amiss to say he is making the Sentinel one of the best papers in the State.

This has been a fine winter for the Doctors of this County, and we must say they have been very successful.

BONUS.

STOCK.—By reference to our Union items it will be seen that there are a large number of cattle in Union county belonging to citizens of Baker county which need attention to keep them from perishing.

We have a red heifer two year old last December, and a white and red two year old in the cold. The white and red has a slit in the right ear—the other has no marks or brands on her, unless some one, besides herself marked her. We would like to hear of them.

DREARY.—Lacking our usual amount of reading matter, owing to the non-arrival of exchanges by mail, we endeavored to read our neighbors' last leader, ycleped "Inconsistency," hoping therein to find an idea. One was all we knew could be expected, and we didn't expect an original one, a stolen one would be better than nothing.

In common, however, with our neighbors' literate readers, we met with the usual disappointment, and with them Hamlet cry—

"Words! Words!! Words!!! Polonius!" We couldn't even discover who swallowed the camel. We wanted his name for a local.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT.—We call the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of Pap Levens' in today's paper. By reading it, it will be seen that he has a large stock in his line on hand. Pap deals in the articles mentioned, and makes this his sole business, therefore he can and does sell at lower prices than any other house in Eastern Oregon. If you want to buy goods cheap go where you can find the largest stock of what you want. Pap will sell you anything in his line cheaper than you can lay it down here—but buy where else you may.

A CARD OF THANKS.—The undersigned return their gratitude and sincere thanks to numerous citizens of Baker City, who so generously extended aid and sympathy during the late sickness, demise and burial of their son Delazon Smith.

HARDIN W. ESTES.
PERELINA ESTES.

FOUND.—A purse that did not contain \$20,000 which the loser may find by calling at the office corner Main St. also, Court Avenue, and buying a pair of good bobs—
CHEAT FOR MONISH."

SNOW.—On Monday morning the weather moderated from what it had been before and snow commenced to fall and continued all day—slow but sure.

The Silver bar on exhibition at J. W. Virtue's Bank, on Monday, looked healthy.

NEW PAPER.—W. S. Nelson, of our city, has commenced the publication of a small advertising sheet for advertising purposes which is circulated gratuitously.

CRANITE CREEK.—Frank Rea started with a four-horse team, loaded with flour, for Granite Creek last week. He is having a very cold trip.

GRANGERS.—The Grangers meet in their Hall, over the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT office, on every other Friday evening. They meet next Friday night.

FALL.—Our neighbor of the Herald says the Thermometer fell last week. Whose? Was it much hurt? The owner ought to take better care of it. What became of the MERCURY?

ADVICE TO LADY POETASTERS.—When you steal from Tom Hood's "Bridge of Sighs," steal the whole piece—it will be more connected, and read better.

VISITORS.—Our office was brightened by the entrance of four young lady friends, last Saturday, namely: Misses Maggie Rea, Lulu Shepherd, Madie Perkins and Emma Gamble. They are always welcome.

CORRECTION.—In our last issue we, in copying the list of officers in tailed by the Red Men of our City, made some mistakes &c. in the names of the offices filled. Our friend J. P. Ross has given us the notice made out correctly, which we publish below, as follows:—I. O. R. M.—A Regular Council of Winnemucca Tribe No. 5. I. O. R. M. at their Wigwam on the Sheep of the Fifth Sun, Cold Moon G. S. D. 384. Common Era, Jan. 5th, 1875. The following Chiefs were raised to their respective Offices by D. D. G. S. R. Alexander; Prophet by R. H. Bogart; S. J. P. Ross; S. S. Isaac Bloch; J. S. J. P. Atwood; C. R. T. C. Hyde; K. W. H. N. McKinley.

HORSE SHOES.—We called in at McCord's Blacksmith Shop last week and were surprised to see the large number of Horse Shoes hanging up around the shop. We asked the meaning of it, and were told Jim Stewart was the cause thereof—he works in this shop, and is determined the horses of Baker County shall not go barefooted. He knows how to drive a nail and always gives satisfaction. He has been rambling for the past year or two, but is now back at his old stamping ground.

STOCK DYING.—We are informed that the late cold weather has caused the loss of quite a number of head of cattle in our valley. Stock in good condition would lay down and never get up.

The street sweepings of Paris are valued at \$120,000 per annum. There the contractor for street cleaning pays for the privilege of sweeping the streets some 500,000 francs a year; the debris is converted into manure, and sold to the garden and land proprietors at a high value.

The properties of Dr. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS are Aperient, Diaphoretic, Nutritious, Laxative, Diuretic, Sedative, Counter-Irritant, Sudorific, Alterative, and Anti-Bilious.

R. H. McDONALD & CO.,

Druggists & Gen. Agents, San Francisco, Calif.

2 CORN. & Sansome Streets, N.Y.

Sold by all Druggists and Dealers.

Once in a while the giant Ananias of the Detroit Free Press gets in a solemn fact among his jokes. He talks about the opulence of St. Louis journalists by intimating that after writing so brilliantly, as usual, "while the compositor is setting up the article the editor puts a basket of champagne and two turkeys into his carriage and rolls homeward with the blissful conviction that he has done his whole duty."

PRAYER MEETING.—A prayer meeting will be held at the Court House, on Saturday evening of this week.

AGENTS.—The following named gentlemen are authorized to act as Agents for the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT:

GEO. P. ROWELL & CO., New York.

THOS. BOYCE, San Francisco.

T. C. EVANS, Boston, Mass.

L. SAMUELS, Portland, Oregon.

L. P. FISHER, San Francisco.

HENRY H. WRIGHT, Union County, O.

P. C. HARPER, Albany, Oregon.

M. W. DAVIS, Walla Walla, W. T.

S. V. KNOX, Pendleton, Oregon.

J. D. AGNEW, Boise City, Idaho.

J. J. DOOLEY, Clarksville, Oregon.

W. H. WELLS, La Grande, Oregon.

W. A. CRAWFORD, Payette Valley, Idaho.

S. M. JEFFRIES, Weiser Valley, Idaho.

NED. TUREK, Canyon City, Oregon.

H. H. HYDE, Prairie City, Oregon.

FARMERS around Union and the Cove can pay their subscription to the DEMOCRAT to Geo. Wright & Son, merchants at Union, or Cowies & McDaniels or S. G. French at the Cove. Persons wishing to subscribe in that portion of Union county can give their names to either of the above named parties.

FRED SALADE is authorized to act as Agent for the DEMOCRAT at Umatilla.

GEO. W. PALMER is authorized to act as Agent for the DEMOCRAT at Marysville.

CHARLES W. CRANE is authorized to act as Agent for the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT in San Francisco.

L. REMILLARD and R. S. CATES are authorized to act as Agents for the DEMOCRAT in Union County.

SAM. HANNAH will receive grain, produce, &c., at Union, in payment for subscription to the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT.

JOHN GORMAN is Agent for the DEMOCRAT in Boise County, Idaho.

L. P. FISHER, Nos. 20 and 21, New Merchants' Exchange, is our authorized Agent in San Francisco.

The Very Last Call.

From and after January 1, 1875, we have to pay the postage in advance for all of our papers that we send through the mail to subscribers. We have a large number of subscribers who are one, two and some even three years in arrears for their paper. To such we will here say that we do not in the future intend to furnish them the DEMOCRAT for nothing and pay their postage for that privilege.

We claim the right to publish a list of those who are more than one year in arrears and the amount due, and when we do this we shall place such accounts in the hands of a proper person for collection. We are tired of, and ashamed to dun any more, and intend to let others do so for us, with cost added. We will not pay postage for those who never pay for their paper.

CHAS. ST. LOUIS has located permanently in Baker, and is now prepared to manufacture and repair all kinds of jewelry and watches. After twenty-eight years experience in the business, he feels competent to give entire satisfaction. Mr. St. Louis, is also agent for the best Sewing Machine in use, the New Wilson, price, \$55.00.

USEFUL PRESENT.—Every family ought to have a good Sewing Machine. We have a beautiful new Silver Plated Wilex & Gibbs' Machine, that would be a beautiful, valuable and useful present to any man's wife, mother, sister or sweetheart, which we will sell on easy terms.

WE HAVE REFITTED THE MILL and make the best Lumber in the county, at prices to suit the times.

All bills left at our Mill receive as prompt attention in the future as in the past. We save everything from a Lath to the Heaviest Timbers.

Clear and seasoned lumber always on hand.

Bills left with J. W. Wisdom will receive immediate attention. By strict attention to business, we hope to receive our share of public patronage.

An unlimited amount of Grain taken in exchange for Lumber.

ELLIOTT & VAN PATTEN.

March 1, 1874, n34tf.

Plows Manufactured to order.

S. B. McCORD.

Baker City, Feb. 10, 1874, n40tf.

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COLLECTIONS MADE IN SAN FRANCISCO and vicinity without charge, and at all other points at cost, and proceeds remitted at current rates of Exchange.

O. H. BOGART, PETER H. BURNETT,

Cashier, President.

Notice to All Persons.

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