

The Grant County News.

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THE FUTURE.

The future of Grant County is in our opinion very promising. We have calmly studied the railroad situation that nearly every journal in the State has had an article on, and have arrived at the following conclusions: First that every town in Eastern Oregon can't have the proposed road run through it. Second that this valley has the inside track if the line is surveyed for the nearest and most practical route from Boise City to the Columbia River. If it is the intention to run the road to the Dalles then it is almost certain to go through John Day Valley. It can be plainly seen that by taking the line from Boise City to The Dalles they have one that affords them a natural pass through the Blue Mountains and nearer by 130 miles than other route they are apt to select. Not only are the advantages of a shorter line and easier grades offered to them, but it puts the road through one of the best farming, fruit stock raising and mining sections in this upper country.

From Boise City to Prairie City, a distance of about 170 miles, is an easy and most feasible route that can be found; at or near the last named place the road would reap the benefit of the shipment of ore from the numerous and rapidly improving quartz ledges in the Granite Creek District, not only that but stock, grain and produce would be no small traffic. The distance from Prairie City to The Dalles is about 190 miles, and on this route there is a natural pass. But we will wait a few months and see where the road is located. If it goes by the way of Baker City we are just as well off, for then all the heavy freight teams will be thrown through this valley and emigrants would flock in and every kind of business would flourish. We are very well contented to have a military post for a market place.

Death of Mr. Wickham.

In a recent issue of the NEWS under the caption of Notes from the Mines there appeared a paragraph, that Mr. Joseph Wickham, an old time resident in these parts, was engaged in placer mining at the Snake river diggings. From a correspondent in that region we now learn that poor Joe, who was then spoken of as being in luck has been overtaken by a sad fate. Mr. W.'s claims are situated in Alturas County, Idaho, on the northern bank of Snake river, about one above Salmon Falls. Opposite this point on the Cassia county side of the stream, there is a trading post patronized by the miners in the vicinity. Wickham and a man in his employ, named William Henry had occasion to visit the store on the 9th inst. and delayed their departure for the claim until night of the following day. On their return they were accompanied by a Mr. Kelley. Nearly midway of the stream, which at the crossing place is three hundred yards at a frail skill, unfavorable weather and

sinking instantaneously left the three men at the mercy of the treacherous currents and waves. Kelley although encumbered with a heavy overcoat struck out for the shore which, after a desperate struggle, he succeeded in reaching in an almost insensible condition and completely exhausted. Henry, it is supposed, sank immediately after the boat was engulfed. Wickham who was known to be an expert swimmer battled manfully with the mad element for some minutes, only calling for help when his failing strength warned him of his approaching doom, his cries for aid being plainly heard above the roar of the waters. But there was no available succor at hand and the poor fellow went down to a watery grave. Joe was well known throughout the mountains and the circumstances of his sad death will be read with painful interest by his many friends, who will remember him as a whole souled genial gentleman. He came to this coast from Ohio in 1850 and at the time of his death was about 48 years of age. Of Mr. Henry less is known. He was scarcely 30 years old and came from Philadelphia. At one time he was employed in the capacity of a steward on a boat running between Salem and Portland.

THI creek is on a tear, having raised very fast in the last 48 hours. Yesterday morning it took off several cords of wood for the Berry Brothers. The almond-eyed celestials down the creek will reap a benefit.

W. A. JACOBS has been down at John Day City for a while past putting up a saloon building for Mr. Ran. John Day is improving slowly but surely.

The Portland Standard says, a German worker in stone has discovered workable marble in Grant county and contemplates setting up a marble shop with suitable machinery to work the same into grave stones, table tops and mantles.

Through the influence of certain parties our friend McComas, of the Mountain Sentinel, has been harassed and every attempt has been made to convict him of libel, but after a fair and impartial trial a jury of twelve tax-payers and respectable citizens of Union county have said that he was not guilty. Truth will triumph, Mac.

Two companies of cavalry, under Capt. Bendire and Harris, at Walla Walla, are under orders to take the field at any moment, to escort Moses' Indians to their new reservation.

James Hendershot indicted by the grand jury, of Union county, at the October term 1878, for embezzlement had his trial at Union a few weeks ago and was acquitted.

The Second Adventists have fixed upon the 11th day of July as the one upon which Gabriel will sound his trumpet. It would have suited many of us better if the time had been fixed at 1 o'clock A. M. July 5--Bee

Mr. J. H. NEAL, formerly an attaché of the Independent, at Hillsboro, has made us several calls since he came to this Valley. He has our thanks for favors extended. From him we learn that Mrs. L. Thompson has leased some mining claims to the Chinamen for the sum of \$6,000.

We are truly thankful to parties for the many words of encouragement they extend to us. We will make it succeed.

WE understand that Mr. Davis will start a drove of about 2000 head of cattle, in one drove, from the ranch of P. Franch, of this county, for the east in a few days. They are furnished on the 15000 head contract; the others will be delivered as fast as they can be herded and branded.

Until we secure a boy to carry our city list of papers our patrons will find the News at the Post Office.

General News.

MONUMENTAL.—A large force of millwrights, blacksmiths, carpenters and other mechanics left here for Canyon City last Saturday, so says the Dalles Empire, to begin operations for the erection of the new quartz mill for the Monumental Mining Co. They will be at work about two weeks before the machinery reaches the mine. It is stored in Portland, and is all complete save a few bolts lost on the Great Republic, which can be easily duplicated. There is some talk of sending this freight out by way of Umatilla, and our freighters should look to their interest in this matter. The trade of that mining district is worth many thousands of dollars annually, and to lose it would be sheer stupidity.

AN ACT to provide additional regulations for homestead and preemption entries of public land.

BE IT ENACTED, ETC., That before final proof shall be submitted by any person claiming to enter agricultural lands under the laws providing for preemption or homestead entries, such person shall file with the register of the proper land office a notice of his or her intention to make such proof, stating therein the description of lands to be entered, and the names of the witnesses by whom the necessary facts will be established. Upon the filing of such notice, a notice that such application has been made once a week for the period of thirty days, shall be published in a newspaper, to be by him designated as published nearest to such land, and he shall post such notice in some conspicuous place. Such notice shall contain the names of the witnesses as stated in the application. At the expiration of said period of thirty days, the claimant shall be entitled to make proof in the manner heretofore provided by law. The secretary of the Interior shall make all necessary rules for giving effect to the foregoing provisions. Approved March 2, 1879.

WALLA WALLA, May 16.—A council was held last night at Walla Walla on the steamer Northwest with Moses and other Indians by General Howard and Gov. Ferry. Moses says that the reservation they are going to put him on is not the one he asked for and was given him, yet his own map showed where he marked out the place himself that he desired and was given him. Mr. Bean, the interpreter, says he agreed in every particular to accept the reservation laid off for him between the Okanogan river on the west. Moses says he wants the Colville reservation; for that is what he went to Washington for. Secretary Schurz has been telegraphed for instructions. Meantime the Indians and the civil and military party will proceed to Kittitas valley and wait a reply. Moses looks down hearted and thinks he has been fooled by the interpreter, to whom all blame can be attached if a war occurs.

On the 1st, General J. W. Sprague withdrew from the position of general superintendent of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, and has relieved Col. S. A. Black in the superintendency of the Northern Pacific railroad. The Oregonian says Gen. Sprague's headquarters will be at New Tacoma. Capt. Ge. J. Answorth succeeds Gen. Sprague as general superintendent of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company. His experience in steamboating excellently fits him for the position, and he is justly esteemed among all the men along the line.—Astorian.

The Old Telegraph mine in Utah is said to have been sold for \$3,000,000. Miles, the convicted polygamist, will be sentenced at Salt Lake City on the 21st inst.

The Italian Government has recommended to Chili and Bolivia international arbitration.

[From the Idaho Democrat.] A Chinese legation will be permanently established at Madrid, and the new Chinese Consul at Havana will go to Madrid before proceeding to Cuba, in order to come to an understanding with Spain on the coolie question.

A Capetown dispatch of April 26th says: Lord Chelmsford and staff have gone to Utrecht. Magneza, brother of King Cetewayo, with a few followers, has surrendered to the British. There is no further news from Transvaal.

The President of the Pennsylvania Senate, on the 10th, announced the names of ten senators constituting a portion of the legislative committee to receive Grant at San Francisco. The committee numbers 25, serving without compensation from the State.

The Minister of the Interior has authorized Senator Martin, Vice-President of the committee of the Franco-American Union, to organize a lottery of 300,000 one-franc tickets to raise a fund for the completion of the Statue of Liberty to be presented to the United States.

The bill to prevent military at the polls passed the Senate on the 10th in the precise form it passed the House, yeas 33, nays 23, a party vote.

The first party of 2000 persons, arrested at M. sew during the winter, has started for Siberia. The 9000 persons arrested in the other towns will pass through Moscow during the summer.

On the 10th Senator Williams introduced a joint resolution to make the appropriation of March 31st, 1877, of \$375,000 for the payment of arrearages Southern mail contractors practically available.

The London Times says that Government has no intention of dissolving Parliament this year.

Alfonso's approaching marriage with the Archduchess Maria of Austria is well received in Spain.

A London dispatch of the 19th says the War Office has issued circulars asking for 1200 volunteers from the regular army for the Cape.

Weston people subscribed \$3,000 to have the railroad come there.

Dr. Wing has been fined \$40 for keeping an opium den in Astoria.

Fourth of July will be celebrated at Dallas in the time honored way.

Independence had a general prize fight last Sunday between two "estimable young men."

A bridge is to be built over Rock Point creek, which will cost \$6,000.

Hayes vetoed the military bill.

The Woodruff scientific expedition which was to have made a tour of the world, collapsed on the 8th, owing to the want of support. Instead of 200 passengers having been booked, as required to insure the success of the expedition only about forty persons had paid the deposit of \$500 each.

Owing to a recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court awarding to the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Co. prior right of location over several routes named in its charter, a powerful Syndicate has been formed here to compete as soon as possible the principal lines in Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, included in a system covered by that decision. It is announced that \$3,000,000 of the \$5,000,000 proposed for this year's operations, have already been subscribed and will be expended in finishing up the line to Leadville and Ten Mile, and in building forthwith to Santa Fe and San Juan.

Capt. W. H. Dall, now of the Coast Survey, writes a long review of the Alaska situation. He sums up the wants of Eastern Alaska thus: Two suitable cruisers, more or less, constantly in motion, instant punishment of violence on the part of Indians by the destruction of their houses and canoes, the surrender of the really guilty being the only alternative. A Circuit Judge to hear and decide ordinary civil and police court cases, an officer, who might be termed Governor, who should reside at Wrangle or Siska and make the rounds of the Territory once a year on a cruiser, and who should have a Russian speaking secretary authorized to record land titles for actual settlers, and give in aid to acts to the Navy Department and Congress.

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STRAYED.—From the range on Riley Creek, one bay mare, black mane and tail; about three years old; marked and branded as follows: A and 2 on left shoulder; one hind foot white to above fetlock, white strip down forehead or face. I will pay \$10 to any one who will deliver said mare to me at my milk ranch, near John Day City, or to the News Office at Canyon City.
551ms J. OLLIVER.

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TURN'S ARTIETY STORE.

OFF For the Mines, and Closing out Business.

All persons indebted to me will please call and settle and save costs. E. E. TUKK.
Canyon City, April 22nd, 1879.

Notice!!!—To all persons indebted to the firm of Gundlach & Bro., are hereby requested to call and settle immediately, without fail and save costs, as this will be the last call.
GEO. GUNDLACH & BRO.
Canyon City, Oregon, April 25, 1879.

TWOSURGEONS
From the National Surgical Institute, which has a reputation extending throughout the civilized world for success in the treatment of Spinal curvature, Paralysis, Hip Disease, Club Foot, Diseased Joints, Crooked Limbs, Piles, Fistula and Nasal Catarrh, will visit Portland, Oregon, at the St. Charles Hotel, May 12th to 17th, inclusive, and Walla Walla, W. T., at Adams House, May 22 and 23d, 1879. These surgeons will bring with them an extensive outfit of costly apparatus for straightening the worst deformities. This is an opportunity which should not be neglected by the afflicted. Examinations Free.

BAKER CITY ITEMS.

Our old friend John Brattain was taken dangerously ill while sitting on a pony late last night, May 16th, and he is very low this morning.

Front Street is being graded which is a much desired improvement.

"Old man Clements" and Frank Rogers are making brick—both yards in full blast. The people are gathering in for Circuit court. I understand there is quite a heavy docket. Whiskey continues to be in good demand at 10cts per smile notwithstanding the Blue ribbon organization. Most people who have read your new paper say that it "put lays over any paper in this section" a few lines.
ZENO.

An Exchange says that Mr. Joseph Satterfield, of Table Rock precinct, Jackson county, this State, put seventeen grafts into a pear tree two months ago, every one of which are growing, several of them bearing well developed fruit.

Adrian Comley and Charley Starr, the notorious "best" an Indian out of a silver watch at Albany and have been arrested for it.

W. D. Moller, foreman of the Sterling mine, Jackson county was caved upon the 13th, and is not expected to live.

John Ambrose's cabin on Willow creek, Jackson county, was robbed last week by two tramps bound for California.

There are 190 prisoners in the penitentiary.