

The Grant County News.

ONLY PAPER IN GRANT COUNTY.

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COUNTY ROADS.

We have heard some complaint about our county roads and we believe that the roads are in a condition to be complained of without casting reproach upon the complainer. A county road is one of the things that should receive more attention from the county managers than anything else. It is something that is used every day by every person, and in lieu thereof every man in the county pays taxes for the purpose of keeping such thoroughfare in complete order, and of course the people who pay the heaviest taxes should, by rights, have the roads leading to and from their section kept in good repair. For instance the settlers in the vicinity of Camp Harney, Aivoid, McDermitt and Stein Mountain pay more taxes than do the same number of men in any other section of the county, and yet the roads in that portion of the county, and especially the road from here to Camp Harney, are almost destitute of notice except by local aid. This is not right. The people of this valley, particularly the merchants, should take this matter in hand and circulate a petition to have a good county road put through from here to Harney Valley. It would be of immense value to this valley to have such a road. It would be doing a great justice to the taxpayers in Harney Valley to have such a road. It would speak volumes for the enterprise of the county. With a little effort upon the part of some energetic man or men a sufficient amount could soon be raised to put a road through from the place of Mr. Mulcaire to the upper end of Bear Valley, and thereby save at least twelve miles of travel between here and Soda Springs. The road district should put the track in good repair from here to Mr. Mulcaire's and the county from there to Harney Valley.

The road from here to the Baker county line is also in bad repair and should be looked after. See the Grand Jury report about bridges and highways. Judge Sels, Mr. I. H. Wood, and several other old settlers who are well acquainted with the whole county could give us good light as regards cost of construction, nearest and cheapest routes and many other interesting features.

Will the Avalanche please tell the people in what State and county the John Day Valley is? From our editorial in that paper people would naturally suppose that it was in Idaho, Owyhee county. We have no objections to brother Journalists borrowing our articles, without crediting to us, but we hate to have the John Day Valley located in some other Territory, if Baker county did gobble a part of our lands. Goduced if the Standard man isn't trying to get Grant county out of Oregon by putting the local notes from the NEWS under Territorial Items. Schtop dat, you sass man.

CAUGHT.—Mr. Heil Hyde in company with several other gentlemen, after a few days hunting, found Mr. Wm. Mannen in the mountains at the upper end of John Day Valley, the first of this week. The company divided below the camp and came upon them unawares. Mr. Hyde had the warrant and took the prisoner in charge. The woman (who had the money) was taken home, and Mannen was brought to this city and delivered to the Sheriff. A young man by the name of Lushbaugh, who was somewhat connected with the affair, and who was found with them at camp, was also brought to this place and is now in custody.

Persons desiring to set off their tables at wedding and party meals should go to the Post Office and buy their fancy candy. The finest assortment of fresh candy in town.

They Say.

[Communicated.]

What if they do? Let them say and keep on saying. Those not talked about are of no consequence; for people are envious only of their betters.

Suppose Mr. B. did call on Mrs. White when Mr. White was out of town? Is that any of your business? What if she formed a league with your neighbor's affairs? Suppose Mr. C. did look over his shoulder at a pretty milliner tripping around the corner? Is that anything to you? We are apt to forget that there are always two sides to a story. Even if you do hear something a little wrong, that is, in your estimation, does it take attention better for you to go and tell all of your neighbors that your opinion is that there is some conspiracy going on? I will venture to assert that nearly every square on the globe is infested with a great many sort of telegraph wires. They are stationed at every corner, and now and then one at the side, just to keep things lively; and when the glad tidings of a fuss are softly whispered, they strike one of the wires and are ushered on and on until the soft evening breezes are almost tainted and seem to whisper, Come, O come, I have something to tell you. So it goes on and on until it nears its destination, and now the very wires trembles beneath its great burden of good news for its hearers, and no wonder it trembles beneath its weight, for at this crisis it would take more than an omnibus to record it all. What are we to do under these circumstances? Do right; keep straight in your course, ready to answer to the law for your crimes, and to God for your sins.

Let us lift our fallen brother, and as we go down life's road do good to one another.

Mr. Russell from Fairview, called at our office and informed us that much excitement prevails in his neighborhood, says the Western Leader. A red devil called at the house of Mr. J. S. Johnson who lives near our informant, and informed him that in a few moments the Indians would be on the war path. The Indian said that the squaws were going to the Columbia, and wanted him (Johnson) to be on the lookout. A teamster coming from the mountains with a load of rail, was stopped by an Indian who cursed him and made all manner of threats to him. The teamster being unarmed had to put up with his insolence. Mr. Russell says the neighbors are busy getting their ammunition ready. Let our citizens look to their rifles and not to the rail tax collector of last summer, and those who are without a gun would do well to get one.

The San Francisco Exchange says: The Chronicle establishment this year is assessed at \$3,000, the Call at \$7,500, and the Bulletin at \$7,000. Next year under the new Constitution, if the Assessors don't let up on the newspapers, according to the valuation of the proprietors, the Chronicle ought to pay on \$1,000,000, the Call on \$1,500,000, and the Bulletin on \$750,000. The other newspapers, including the Exchange, will make up such a tax list as to make it unnecessary to call upon anybody else for funds to carry on the Government. The Chronicle's check, the Call's conservatism, the Bulletin's self-assurance, the Exchange's audacity, the Post's enterprise, the Argonaut's mule and Brock's equine sagacity will more than supply the City Hall and State Capitol.

MASONIC.—The following are the officers of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons for the ensuing year: R. P. Ehrhart, Grand Master; W. T. Wright, Deputy Grand Master; A. E. White, Senior Grand Warden; J. N. Dohp, Junior Grand Warden; H. Abraham, Grand Treasurer; I. W. Pratt, Grand Secretary; D. Froman, Chairman Educational Fund; Grand Chaplain, J. R. N. Bell; Grand Orator, M. C. George; Grand Standard Bearer, J. B. Irvine; Grand Sword Bearer, T. T. Tongue; Senior Deacon, M. V. Brown; Junior Deacon, D. P. Mason; Grand Steward, T. H. Cann; Grand Stewart, Warren Fruit; Grand Tyler, A. J. Woodworth; Grand Organist, L. W. Wallace.

Grand Jury Report.

The Grand Jury made the following report at the term of court just closed:

We have found six true bills and one not a true bill, and have presented the same to the court. We have examined the Sheriff's books and also the Treasurer's and compared the same and find them correct, so far as we have been able to examine them, and also find that they are kept in a neat and business like manner. We have examined the County Records the best we could for the time at our disposal and find them kept in good order. The Jail and its inmates we find kept in good style; in fact it is a nice place to spend the winter in.

We have examined witnesses as to the condition of roads in the different Road Districts and find that they are in a terrible condition, particularly district No. 8. We understand the Supervisor for that district is not in the county, and so far as we have been able to find has done no work this season on the road from Prairie City to Middle Fork; a road that needs, and its conditions imperatively demands, that it should be worked upon and put in order early in the spring, or as soon as the snow disappears. We would recommend that the Commissioners or County Court remove said supervisor and appoint some one that will attend to the duties for which he was appointed. We would also call the attention of Supervisor of road district No. 6 to the bridges on the road between John Day City and Mr. Clark's residence. We are of the opinion that the bridges would subserve the interests of the public better if the said bridges were let down on a level with the ground and not edgewise as they are at present.

We would also recommend that the County Court, if it be lawful to do so, have the road in district No. 1, just below Mr. Sewell's place, worked where it is now traveled, and expend all the money collected in said district necessary to grade it down and make it wider so that teams may pass each other; and to make said road, if it is not already so, the permanent public highway, instead of, as we understand, the road to be located in Canyon Creek and the people require a road that can be traveled at all times in the year.

We would also recommend that the County Court remove the old jury rooms and erect a suitable building for the accommodation of the petit and grand jury; say two rooms, each large enough for the use of separate juries, with double walls filled with sawdust, and an entry room for Bailiffs, etc. We are of the opinion that the county pays enough every two years for rents to erect such building; certainly so if the present building is sold.

We congratulate the citizens and taxpayers of this county on the absence of any indigent sick persons.

Our Hospital is vacant and has been so for some months.

We would recommend to the Hon. County Court and Commissioners that they have the bridge near Mr. Cole's place let down at least three feet. It can be done at very little expense during the summer months when the water is low; as it is the aprons are altogether to steep.

We also in our examination of the records of the county, find a portion of them cannot be found, to-wit, a book designated the Script Book; a book that is used by the clerk for the purpose of recording the County Warrants as they are made out by said clerk and drawn by different parties, with the names of the parties receiving such warrants attached thereto; said book

contains the records of the warrants so drawn for the space of nearly six years time. We also find that it was during the term of James Robins as clerk that said book was lost, and we have been unable to ascertain how or by what means it was spirited away.

We find that in July, 1876, the Hon. County Court employed Philip Meschan to find the true indebtedness of this county. Said Meschan made his report to said court on the 10th day of August, 1876, whereby it was ascertained that the indebtedness was \$20,386 13, which was accepted by said Court.

We also find that on the 31 day of July, 1878, another report or exhibit was made by the said Philip Meschan, whereby it was ascertained that the indebtedness of this county was found to be in the sum of \$21,355 69 on the 30th day June, 1878. We have examined the records from that date and find the following result, to-wit: Indebtedness July 1, 1878, \$21,355.69 Warrant issued from July 1, 1878 to June 10, 1879, \$16,987 68. Interest \$2142 68. Total \$40,485 37.

Warrants redeemed and canceled for taxes, liquor licenses and rents since June 30, 1878, \$22,540 43. County funds on hand, \$875; Total, \$23,413.43. Total indebtedness to date, \$17,069 94. We also find of the above indebtedness \$14,221 45 in warrants bearing interest, which we find on the Treasurer's book.

In consequence of the absence of a portion of the Records from the Clerk's office, we were of a necessity compelled to take the report of Philip Meschan as a basis of our calculations to find the present indebtedness of the county. The loss of the above mentioned book would make it necessary for us to go to the original entries of both the Circuit Court and County Court's Journals, covering six years time, which would take so much time that we could not perform the duty.

We would earnestly recommend or advise the citizens of this county that they keep their neighborhood quarrel and petty spite out of the Grand Jury room as it is not only a very expensive business to take witnesses long distances, when, if the case could be made out, in a large number of such cases the penalty would amount perhaps to a nominal fine, which a Justice of the Peace would have jurisdiction, but it takes up the time of the Grand Jury to the detriment of more important business. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. GRAY,
Foreman Grand Jury.

INDIAN SCOUTS.—A company of Indian scouts was formed at Umatilla Reservation, numbering twenty of the best the chiefs could furnish. As soon as practical the company will be sent to Walla Walla to be uniformed and equipped. Lieut. Farrow is to have command, seconded by Lieut. Brown. The non-commissioned officers are to be chosen among the Indians; Their destination is unknown at present.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Administrators Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the Estate of Caleb Ran deceased, late of Grant County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at John Daytown, or to C. W. Parrish Attorney for said Estate at Canyon City, in said County, within six months from the date hereof. Dated June 14th, 1879. n10n14
WILLIAM McDOWELL.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore Existing and doing business in Grant County, Oregon, in the firm name of Poindexter & Clark has this day been dissolved. All persons indebted to said firm will please call and settle without unnecessary delay. W. H. Clark will continue business at the old stand, and the collection of outstanding dues and settlement of Partnership Business will be conducted with promptness and dispatch. Dated June 12th 1879.

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JULY RACES, Over the Prairie City RACE COURSE!

FIRST DAY, July 4th; Running Race free for all three year old Wilks colts. Single dash of one mile, Purse \$100, given by J. J. Cozart. First horse, \$100, Second horse $\frac{2}{3}$ of entrance money, Third horse remainder of entrance money.

On the night of July 4th, a Grand Ball will be given at Grange Hall.— Tickets without supper, \$2.50; Net proceeds to be given, with the subscription, for the two following purses:

SECOND DAY—Saturday July 5th—Single dash of one mile, free for all horses owned in county, except Geo. Wilks.

SAME DAY, at 2 o'clock, Trotting Race, free for all except Bracket's horse. Three in five mile heats. Three to enter and two to start in all of the above races. Racing to begin promptly at 1 o'clock, P. M. Entrance to Races \$10.

All Entries to be made with N. W. Thornton or John Laurance on or before 6 o'clock P. M. of July 1st, 1879.