

The Grant County News.

ONLY PAPER IN GRANT COUNTY.

Official Paper For Grant County.

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S. H. SHEPHERD, - - - - - EDITOR.

The Railroad.

The Idaho Democrat says: "Mr. Campbell and Gen. Cartee returned last Saturday from their trip up Boise river. They are very much pleased with the practicability of this route for a railroad. The heaviest grade up Boise river is less than 75 feet to the mile. Mr. Mr. Campbell has now gone towards Canyon City to examine the country. He will also examine the route down Snake river toward Lewiston. The company will soon be able to settle definitely upon the favorite route, and then they will push the road with all possible speed."

Mr. Campbell arrived in Canyon City on last Tuesday, and we had the pleasure of a short interview with him and obtained the following facts from the gentleman: He said he had inspected the route from Willow creek across the mountains to the head of Dixie creek, and that in was the lowest pass of any yet found through the Blue Mountains, and as the instructions from headquarters are to find the lowest pass over these mountains, he thinks that this pass is the most favorable of any yet inspected. He says that the directors do not have any favorite route, but desire and intend to run the road from Boise City to the Columbia river over the cheapest and lowest pass that can be found through the Blue Mountains and that they do not favor Powder River, Grande Ronde, or any other valley, but are determined to put the road through with all possible speed and "as soon as he inspects the pass from the head of John Day Valley, via Ironside Mountain (which, by the way, is a much lower and a more natural pass than the last one he inspected,) to Eldorado, he will proceed at once to Baker City and report to headquarters his opinions, whereupon the directors will decide definitely, in a few days, as to the best route, and then work will be pushed and the road hurried to completion."

He said that the company intended this line for a through line and that they would surely build the road on a route that afforded the lowest pass through the Blue Mountains, and at the same time secure as much local trade as the country afforded, but they would not go out of the way to catch the trade of a certain valley or towns. The great difficulty with the Mehan or Dealy pass, near Grande Ronde Valley, is that they are so high that it is almost impossible to ascend or descend by either of these routes. But as this valley is about as low as the Boise Valley and the pass so very low and easy of access that the grades from Boise to the Columbia will be nearly all down grade except the approach to the Blue Mountains from the east, and that grade will be comparatively light in comparison with the grades going out from the Grande Ronde Valley. Going east from the Columbia the grade will be light on this route, and but one range of mountains to

cross, while on the Grande Ronde and Powder River Valley route it is bound to contend with numerous grades between the Columbia and Boise City. From our conversation with Mr. Campbell, and he is a gentleman, we are led to believe that at no distant day the John Day Valley will be blessed with the neighing of the fiery steeds of Jay Gould & Co. Mr. Campbell says the company are aware that there are no serious obstructions in the way between the head of this valley and the Columbia river, and that the only question with them was to find the most favorable pass through the Blue Mountains, and he is confident that he can make a reliable report upon his arrival at Baker City, and that in his opinion we are on the most feasible route; and said he was well pleased to see the uniform interest the people took in the proposed road, and especially did he admire the energy displayed by the local papers in the matter.

We are sorry that our interview with Mr. Campbell was so brief, but as he said the directors were hurrying him up, he would not stop over night, so we bid him good night, after assuring him that our people were ready, willing and amply able to render all assistance in their power to aid in the construction of this great enterprise.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

We desire to make the News second to no paper in Eastern Oregon, but to do so will necessitate an additional outlay of money, and as we have not asked a quarter of a dollar bonus (without giving value therefor) and do not intend to, we wish to say that we hope that each individual interested in the future welfare of this county to form him or herself into a committee of one and secure for the News all the subscribers they can, if it is no one but the committee, and forward to us the names immediately. We are pleased to unite with a great number of sensible people in denominating the News the best local paper in Eastern Oregon, and we hope in a few months to make it the peer of any paper in the West. But to do all this requires more new type and other material, and this is why we want all who can secure a new subscriber to do so, and all those who have subscribed, if convenient, will confer a favor upon the News if they would hand in their amount soon. We don't feel that we can carry more than 300 subscribers through the year on time, and as we have near that many on time now, we shall expect cash or equivalent for all new subscribers from this time out unless agreement is made with us at time of solicitation. We started in with the determination to make the News the most reliable and best paper in this upper country, and have laid down the following rules as our foundation: Give the latest and most interesting news, publish all the county news that is obtainable, let no advertisement run after the time contracted for, refuse all quack and humbug notices, put in reading matter instead of running old, stale, dead advertisements, advocate and urge the building of every and any enterprise that will benefit Grant County and other rules heretofore published, and above all, stand firm to our rules. In lieu thereof we ask the candid support of all good people in this county. It is with pleasure that we point our advertisers and journalistic friends to our advertising columns and exclaim, "Do you see? no 'dead' advertisements, 'clap trap' medicines nor humbogs noticed in the GRANT COUNTY NEWS. Neither will there be as long as the people of this county continue to give us the liberal support they have so far; but instead our patrons may look for us to come out in a 'new dress' in a few months. We have come to stay and mean business."

Siwash Pow Wow.

UMATILLA AGENCY, June 15th. The council began yesterday and lasted several hours. Many people were present from Pendleton. All the old Indians were present, and but few of the young men. Speeches were made by most of the chiefs and old Klighon, to the effect that they intended to stay, and exhorting the others to do likewise. The younger Indians were sullen and had nothing to say. Nearly all of them kept away from the council. Young Chief made a long speech, stating that their forefathers made a mistake in getting that land for them; that the land contained all their life and wisdom and their dead; that they wanted it all, and that it would take a long time for them to decide what answers to make to the questions at issue. Then I showed the Indians present what 160 acres was. They had no idea whatever; they estimated such a tract all the way from the size of a front yard to three or four sections of land. I also showed them how they could get 360 acres in different shapes, then combining 40 acres in various ways according to the land office laws.

Hon. then made a long speech, expressing willingness to stay, and the goodness of his heart. He had much to say about the Indian scouts under the command of Lieut. Farrow, and had him promise that he would take them nowhere very far without letting him and all the chiefs know. Farrow told them that he represented General Haward, whose heart was good, and while he obeyed his orders at all times, he would take good care of the scouts, at the same time looking out for their own welfare. Then an Indian, Satuswaze, made a speech, stating that not long since thirty-one of his horses were stolen, and were now near the Grande. He asked if the scouts could go and get them; that he and the Indians were afraid. Farrow told him that he would go himself. Satuswaze seemed much rejoiced and said he would stay here always if he could. The council then adjourned with the promise of the chiefs that they would cause a full attendance on Monday, the 16th, when it is thought that something definite will be arrived at. I do not believe the young Indians will either remain or leave the reservation peaceably.—Bee.

The Boise State-man says developments tend to convict two men named Lewis and Rosecrans of the murder of three men named John Bascom, Robert Ferguson and a stranger, who were supposed to have been killed by Bonnocks last summer. Rosecrans confesses to having part of \$1200, money found near the place, and says Lewis has the rest. His actions prejudice his case, and they are both under arrest and will be tried.

OUR ALVORD LETTER.

ALVORD OR., June 15, 1879. EDITOR NEWS:—The survey of the county line was completed to the Nevada line yesterday. It crosses near the forks of the road south of Summit Springs on the old Camp Harney road, leaving Burns about six and Davidson fifteen miles in Baker, and Divine one mile in Grant. Old Winnemucca has decided to return to the Agency with his people about McDermitt. Natches and Jerry Long will start in a few days to Fort Bidwell to bring Ochoa's band across by Harney to the Agency.

A soldier at McDermitt fell from a horse on the evening of the 13th, while intoxicated, and broke his neck. ***

UMATILLA COUNCIL.—The Umatilla Council has adjourned and about one hundred Indians including the prominent chiefs, have expressed a willingness to take up land. This will lead to the stay of the Indians on the reservation in the position of independent settlers, not as wards of the government. They will get all the best land, or a great part of it, and there will not be much left for the whites. We cannot but view this with regret, as the interests of Umatilla county will be much better advanced to have enterprising whites take up these lands and make them productive, and the best we can hope of the Indians is that they will earn their own bare subsistence in a poor way, and they cannot be expected to constitute any reformed society or do anything to make the State and county prosperous. While this result will retard Umatilla county, we so believe that the Indians would be better off, happier in every sense if they could locate by themselves and be removed from the pernicious evils that attend civilization, and the jealousy and prejudice they have ever experienced from the whites.—Bee.

NEW TO-DAY.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Grant County and to me directed, on the 14th day of June, 1879, to satisfy the sum of Five Hundred and thirty-six Dollars and fifty-six cents (\$536 56) due on a Judgment rendered by said Court on the 11th day of February, 1879, for the sum of Six Hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty-six cents (\$636 56) in favor of H. Fleckenstine and S. Julius Mayer, plaintiffs, and against M. Stevens, defendant, and interest on said \$636 56 from the 11th day of February, 1879, until the 12th day of May, 1879, and interest from the 12th day of May, 1879, on the sum of \$536 56, at the rate of one per cent per month and for the further sum of Forty five dollars and eighty cents (\$45 80) costs and all accruing cost, I have levied upon the following described property of the above named defendant, to-wit: One Saloon Building, one Butcher Shop, one Slaughter House and one Pasture right and the fence surrounding the same. All of said property being situated at Independence, Grant County, Oregon. Now therefore pursuant to the Judgment in said action and by virtue of said execution on

Thursday the 31st day of July, 1879, at the Court House door in Canyon City, Grant County, Oregon, at the hour of one o'clock, P. M., of said day I will sell the above described property at Public Auction for cash in hand to the highest and best bidder to satisfy the said sum of \$536 56, with interest as above stated and for costs and accruing costs.

JOHN J. WASH, Sheriff of Grant County, By ROBERT LOCKWOOD, Deputy. Dated this 23rd day of June, 1879. n12n16

The cheapest place to buy PAINTS, OILS, TURPENTINE, GLASS, PUTTY, VARNISHES And WALL PAPER Is at Sam. Sired's, opposite the M. E. Church, Canyon City, Oregon. n12tt.

Fourth of July Celebration.

Desiring to celebrate our Natal day in a proper manner, a general invitation is extended to all to meet with us at the School House ground, on Rebel Hill, on Friday, July 4th at 1 o'clock, P. M. Ladies are respectfully requested to prepare a "Basket Dinner" for themselves and friends, for the occasion, and Ice Cream and Lemonade will be admitted to the grounds.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Oration by Hon. Col. Geo. B. Curry. In the evening a Grand Ball at the Masonic Hall, in Canyon City; Ball Tickets, \$2.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: D. G. Overholt, E. E. Turk, John Wash, Jas. W. Allen. FLOOR MANAGERS. M. V. Thompson, F. C. Sel, L. J. Hagnewood. COMMITTEE ON MUSIC. N. Rulison, John Woolsey, G. L. Hazeltine.

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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 Copartnership 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 Copartnership Business will be conducted with promptness and dispatch. Dated June 12th 1879.

W. H. CLARK, T. W. POINDEXTER n10n14

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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. Cart. 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.