

# The Grant County News,

Saturday Morning, Oct. 11, 1879.

**NOTICE.**—Simple announcements of births, marriages and deaths, will be inserted without charge. Obituary notices will be charged for according to their length.

**CANYON CITY LODGE, NO. 34,** A. F. and A. M., holds its regular Communications on the Saturday evening of or next preceeding the full moon in each month, at seven and half o'clock P. M.

**HOBAN LODGE, No. 22, I O O. F.,** meets every Thursday evening at their Lodge Room in Canyon City. Visiting brothers are invited to attend. By Order of N. G.

## COUNTY NEWS.

The Dinner at B. C. Trowbridge's on last Thursday was very well attended, notwithstanding the day was cold and more or less rainy. It was a fine repast and all did justice to the meal. It was the only gathering we have been to in this county that was attended by so many legal gentlemen. The amusements consisted of checkers, jumping, horse-shoes and kro-k. During the day Mrs. Trowbridge presented the editor hereof with a fine large, beautiful fruit cake. Some said it was a prize for the best jumper, and as we had jumped over 10 feet at one jump forward, and over 6 backward, got away with checkers and was the smallest professional man on the ground by over a half foot our title to the cake was good. Some of the ladies said it was because we were the best looking man. But we think it was given to us for fear we might get hungry therefore we say many, many thanks.

The Surveyors were in John Day last Saturday for supplies. We had a short talk with Col. Wolcott, in which he informed us that he would take the supplies to his company at Susanville and after instructing the men to survey on down the Middle Fork he would proceed to Walla Walla thence to Portland on business, after which he will return to his men. We leave our readers to conjecture in regard to the proposed R. R.

Next.—Mr. A. Birge has brought to our office a box containing 19 potatoes that weigh over 40 pounds. They were raised on his ranch at Mt. Vernon and were not irrigated. He has about 40 ton of the same kind. If our farmers keep on we can soon pit Grant County against the world. Who can excel Mr. Birge. Next.

In Town.—Mr. A. M. Cornelius, patentee of the North West Washing Machine, has been in town for several days, and while here sold this county right to Turk & Seigart. We congratulate the gentlemen upon now being the owners of the best washer around. Ladies see it, try it and buy it. It is cheap, simple and durable.

By referring to another page of this paper it will be seen that we are a member and an officer of the Newspaper Union, and have agreed to do advertising and work as cheap as papers that can live for a third less than we can; hence it will be useless for people to jaw us or expect long credit, we can't afford it.

Mr. N. OLIVER, of Fort Harney, made us a pleasant call yesterday. Mr. O. has his hotel fit up in good order and is now prepared to entertain travelers with comfort. See his advertisement in this paper.

Our efficient Sheriff, J. J. Wash, left last Monday for the Southern part of the county on official business.

LIEUT. Pickering and wife paid this city and valley a visit this week.

Miss Alice Hunsaker returned to Harney Valley a few days since.

DIED.—At Middle Fork on the 6th inst., Inis V., aged 2 years and 4 months, daughter of Minot and Dilla Austin.

**LADIES, LOOK HERE!**—The right of this county for the North West Granger Washing Machine has been bought by Turk & Seigart, and all orders for said machine left with either of the above will be attended to.

The Daily Bee says, "Mr. J. J. Roberts, of Prairie City, was kicked by a stallion Sept. 22d, and died next day."

The above will be sad news to Mr. Roberts as well as to his boarders. The same paper places the Princess Mine in Baker instead of Grant county.

The ladies sewing society will meet at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Shepherd next Thursday.

W. H. CLARK is below laying in his winter stock of goods.

MR. EADS, Mrs. Chas. Fisher and C. W. Parrish took their departure for Baker City last Sunday.

SUNDAY night as usual—It was Judge Reynolds this time on the war path with his knife suspended by a string half way down the inside of his trousers leg.

The "boys in blue," at Fort Harney, have organized a minstrel troupe for home amusement. We printed their tickets for them.

Miss Ella Sels was given a surprise party last Monday night by 17 little girls. It was in honor of her tenth birthday.

MR. AND MRS. W. J. Cooksey returned home last Wednesday morning.

MR. HACKNEY, of Central America, is visiting his brother, A. Hackney, of John Day.

MR. GEO. HOUSEMAN and wife are out at Soda Springs for recreation.

The GRANT COUNTY NEWS is jubilant over the victory won by Champion Knox at Baker City in the free for all trot against the well known and fleet footed stallion, Bashaw. We can't help it Shep, Champion Knox deserves the title of Chief, and we cheerfully surrender the belt, but look a leedle on, we have Anvil and Bashaw colts coming on in droves and we'll 'knox' your Grant County ear off next year and 'don't yer forget it.'—Mountain Sentinel.

MAC, if you don't vas putty careful we'll scineh you next year two times; be cause we have got another horse over here vat you don't know some dings at all about.

## THE MONUMENTAL MINE.

EDITOR OF THE NEWS:—As you have announced in the last issue of your paper, that some of the gentlemen who visited the Monumental Mine last week, would give to your readers their views in regard to that great mining enterprise, I think it only fair that some of us should try and make your words good.

Much has been said, and written, about the Monumental Mine of Grant County, and yet there is much more to say, in fact a history, of this great Mining Enterprise would be more interesting than romance, or fable. It is not my intention, however, to attempt to write its history. I leave that work for a more able pen than mine. I have been in this county for a period of 17 years and have had, from the first, great faith in the mineral resources of the Blue Mountains, but I must say that the developments at the "Monumental City" exceed my greatest expectations. To have any idea of the amount of work that has been done in prospecting the rich lodes of silver on the head waters of Granite Creek, it will be necessary to visit that locality and see for yourself. It is no small task to bore a hole eight or nine hundred feet into solid Granite, even with the very best of mining machinery, but when we see a tunnel nearly six feet wide, by six and a half or seven feet high that has been driven, by hand drill and giant powder, for a distance of nearly eight hundred feet, into hard rock, and consider that it is the result of nearly two years labor, we can have some faint idea of the immense labor performed there.

After a very pleasant drive of two days, through fragrant pine forests, and over the beautiful Blue Mountains situated and lying between the "Capital City" and Grantie Creek, we arrive at the head quarters of Mr. C. S. Miller, the Superintendent and general manager of the Monumental Mine, where we found Mr. E. J. W. Stemme, President of the Company, who invited us to alight and "smile;" being in that frame of mind that requires rest and refreshment we accordingly "alote and smoled a smile" that weary travelers are wont to indulge in by taking an observation of "Old Bally" through the bottom of a demi john.

After refreshing ourselves for a time, the hour being yet early, we accepted the invitation of President Stemme to walk up and take a look at the fine silver mill the company are erecting for their mine. Arriving at the mill, which is situated on the north side of the mountain ridge and about 200 yards west of the mine, we were surprised to see a building constructed on the steep mountain side, occupying about 190 feet north and south, and nearly 150 feet east and west, and in height nearly 75 feet from the ventilators at the top of the mill to the ground floor of the engine room.

We were informed that there was used in covering the roof, nearly one hundred and ten thousand shingles. We found the engine of 80 horse power, with two boilers and all set ready for the fire, and as nice and strong machinery as one would wish to see.

Adjoining the engine room, on the same floor, is the apartment occupied by the amalgamating pans, four in number, and the settlers. While standing in this room we could have a good view of nearly all the inside work of the mill. In front, on the second floor or bench, above the pans, is the frame work for the stamps. The capacity of the mill when complete will be twenty stamps, but for the present only ten will be used. To the west and on the level of the stamps is the roasting machinery which is a revolving cylinder of heavy wrought iron, about 3 1/2 feet in diameter and 30 feet long, and lined with fire-brick. The pulverized ore will be taken from the stamps by elevators and deposited in the roasters which as it revolves causes the finely powdered ore to drop through a flame of fire passing through the cylinder. On your witnessing the revolutions of a bolt reel in a flour mill, will have an idea how the quartz passes through the roaster.

Above the stamps and on the third plat is the dryer, which is a ball shaped revolving cylinder of heavy iron, about 18 feet in length and so constructed that the hot air from the roasting furnace passes through, thoroughly drying the ore before being conveyed to the stamps.

On the fourth floor and directly above the dryer, is the machine for breaking the quartz, in order that it may be fed to the stamps by self acting apparatus. When completed there will be a tramway from the ore dump at the mine, leading into the crushing room of the mill. The ore will be conveyed from the mine to the mill in cars holding about 1000 pounds each. The floor of the crushing room is nearly on a level with the top of mountain ridge fronting the mill. Here, and adjoining the mill, the company are erecting their store house for supplies etc. From our standpoint it was a busy sight to see the millwrights, carpenters, brick masons and machinists working and pounding away in their separate capacities, each class seemingly unaware of the presence of the others, so intent were they at their own peculiar work. And now and then we would see the general manager here, and there, consulting with his firemen, occasionally conversing with his visitors, and frequently speaking a word of encouragement and praise to the workmen.

I understand that the mill will work about 20 tons of quartz in about 24 hours, requiring the attendance of nine men.

After a hasty glance at the mill, we wended our way back to the mess-room of Messrs. Miller, Stemme and Parrish where we were invited to partake of as fine and bountiful supper, as one could

wish to find in any country.

The following morning we were invited to go up and look at the mine. A large and substantial building has been erected over the entrance to the main tunnel. One apartment of which is used as a blacksmith shop, and another room containing a fireplace, bed, tables etc, is used for a dressing room for the miners. Here we changed our outward apparel for overalls, underwear and gum boots.

After donning miners attire we were each furnished with a lighted candle, and following Mr. Miller's lead we began our tour of inspection by marching single file, into the mouth of the tunnel.

In traveling a distance of 700 feet we were shown 16 different veins, or ledges of quartz, each from four inches to three feet in width, all dipping towards No. 3, and apparently coming together at no very great distance below. No. 3 consists of a group of ledges, occupying a space of, perhaps, forty feet, and in most mining camps would be called a forty foot ledge. From appearances I should say that the most work has been done on No. 13, or Monumental, although drifts, or levels have been run on nearly all the different veins, each side of the main cross cut, varying in length from 150 to 225 feet. On No. 3, 12, 13, and 16, the work of opening the stopes, and putting in ore-shutes has just begun, and although there was only 12 men at work in the mine, we could see that it would be an easy matter to find room for 100 more.

On ledge No. 13 an air shaft has been raised to the surface, a distance of three hundred feet, and is a schute for the ore and a manway for the workmen to go up and down. This shaft is timbered all the way from top to bottom, with heavy timbers, framed in after the fashion of making log houses, leaving a space inside of about 2 1/2 by 6 feet, with a partition in the middle to protect the manway from the falling ore in the schute. After examining all of the different drifts on a level with the main tunnel, we were conducted up the manway of the air shaft to the 200 foot level on No. 13, where we found the vein of quartz varying in width from 8 to 30 inches, and rich in ruby and antimonial silver. Leaving this level we ascended to the 100 foot level where we were shown along the level for a distance of 150 feet north to the bottom of the old prospecting shaft of the discoverers, and at a depth of 100 feet from the surface.

After resting a little we again took to the manway and ascended to the surface of the earth and beheld once more the bright sunshine. We were in the mine just three hours and had traveled a distance of about 3500 feet under ground, and were well pleased with what we had seen in our voyage through the earth, and we returned to agree that the Mine would be a success, plucky and honest management may can it be otherwise than a success.

A few more weeks of weary waiting for the honest, hopeful miner, and the tale will be told in letters of silver's plain that he who runs may read.

Now Mr. Editor I have already taken as much space as you can afford and will close by saying to those who doubt, go and see for yourselves.

MR. AND MRS. H. R. SELS celebrated their Silver Wedding last night.

OUR Harney items were unavoidably crowded out this week. They are good and will appear in our next issue.

ROBT. NEECE has returned from his prospecting tour.

In this issue is a good description of the Monumental Mine. Extra papers can be had at this office.

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## LADIES ATTENTION.

Mrs. James F. Cleaver has just removed to her new Building on Main Street, Prairie City, where she is opening out a fine assortment of Ladies and Misses Hats, just received from N. Y., also a well selected supply of Ladies Underwear and Linen Suits. Also a general assortment of ladies goods which will be sold cheap for cash.

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