

# The Grant County News,

Saturday Morning, Nov. 29, 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 preceding the full moon in each month, at seven and half o'clock P. M.

**OBASH 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.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE, No. 33, I. O. O. F., Prairie City, Oregon,**  
meets every Saturday Evening. Members of the order are invited to attend.  
By order of the N. G.

## COUNTY NEWS.

### FACTORY MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Grant County at the "Ingle School House," at Mt. Vernon, on Monday, December 1st, 1879, at 1 O'clock, for the purpose of getting the sentiments of the people in relation to the building of a Woolen Factory in this Valley and to affect a permanent organization for that purpose. Let every farmer in the valley be there, if possible. The citizens of towns should try and be on hand early. **MANY CITIZENS.**

**Whine and Water.**—This is the general question asked by our citizens after looking over the map which is given to the subscribers of the Oregonian. It shows that Granite creek runs into the John Day River below this point. We don't know when it crossed "old Olive." The map also shows Marysville to be near the Idaho line in Baker county and about 300 miles from this city. It places 3 towns in this county in Baker and 2 in Umatilla. Our citizens have decided that if the balance of the map is as near right as it is of Grant County that an old map of "The Holy Land" would do about as well. We hope you understand that if you try to get in or out of this county by that map that you are eternally lost.

**St. Amos.**—We please to inform our readers that another change has been ordered on the Dalles & Baker City Stage Line, to take effect next Monday, which will put Canyon City in connection with San Francisco and Portland 12 hours quicker than ever before, which is a very great advantage. The way travel is increasing on this line and from the amount of through passengers that are adopting the McBean line from here to Winnemucca we earnestly believe that a full line of coaches will be a necessity next spring; at least we hope so.

**JULES LE BRETTE**  
has just received at his Store in Prairie City a full and well selected stock of Holiday Goods, consisting of Toys of all kinds and prices, Albums, Jewelry, Toilet Sets, in fact everything usually found at a "Santa Claus" Headquarters. Remember the little folks and likewise the large ones and make them happy by purchasing a nice present for them at the store of **JULES LE BRETTE.**

37,000 acres of land in Warner valley, this county, is now monopolized as grazing land by R. F. McConaughy, of California, and he drives actual settlers off of said land with loaded guns. Such actions should be looked after, prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; both for the good of settlers and county.

The City Hotel has purchased 700 pounds of butter for winter use.

**H. STANISLAWSKY, Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler,** is located at Canyon City, Oregon. Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired at short notice and warranted. n32tf.

A number of settlers on chicken creek, in Wasco county, corralled about 80 head of sheep, which they say were scabby, and killed them. Some woman had them on the shares and she will have the case prosecuted as sheep are said to have been a healthy band.

**FRANK McBEAN** has fixed his station at Soda Springs up in good order, and as he has perhaps the best cook in this county in charge of the house it is a good place to stop at.

In the case of Harvey Field vs the Dalles Military Road Company, in regard to land title Attorney Olmsted has gained the case in favor of Field.

**MR. W. C. ALLRED** has gone to California to spend the winter, and our wish is that he may have a pleasant visit and a safe return.

"**Fanner Boy**" will please send us his right name and we will then insert his communication.

**Messrs. Jas. Cleaver, Jules Le Brette and C. F. Cleaver** made a flying visit to our city last Monday.

Remember the Factory Meeting at Mt. Vernon next Monday and be on hand early. The prospects are good.

The Stages will make the trip from The Dalles to Baker City in 72 hours after the first of the month.

### COMING.

**J. D. TRUS,** of the well known firm of Titus Bros, Jewelers, will arrive on the 10th of December, to remain till after the Holidays, with a large and well selected assortment of Ladies and Gents solid gold watch-cases and chains, solid gold rings and jewelry of the latest designs. In fact a full assortment of everything pertaining to their line of trade. A rare chance to procure elegant Holiday presents at the lowest rates.

**Bona** has five newspapers, two banks, Masonic, Odd Fellows and other halls, a fire department, and seventy saloons, immovable dance houses, 8,900 people and no church. Bona would be a good place for the religious people to send Missionaries to, thereby leaving hundreds of dollars at home, and at the same time find plenty of missions to preach to.

The temperance papers advise people to drink spiritous liquors only in such men as have W in them. The temperance did not let though, for since the spelling reform has come into vogue they are safe, see: January, February, Jewe, Jewly, August, October, November, April and so on.

Read the new advertisements this week and govern yourself accordingly.

**DEAD.**—At Monument, Oregon, on the 18th of Nov., 1879, Homer Vilott, son of Mrs. Sarah Jane Wilson, aged 15 years, 2 months and 16 days.

He is the third child that this family have lost within the last few weeks; and they have the sympathy of their many friends.

Mountaineer please copy.  
**MR. M. CARPENTER** and wife left our city on last Thursday morning for Bridge Creek to spend the winter with relatives.

**MR. T. P. DEAN** met with quite a serious accident last Sunday evening. He had rode into town with Mr. Herburger and as the team neared the butcher shop they hesitated and as Mr. Dean supposed they were going to stop he began to raise up and at the same time Mr. Herburger hit the team, causing them to start quick thereby throwing Mr. Dean over head first on the ground from which he received very serious injuries and fears were had that he might not recover, but at present he is better.

**CHARTS.**—L. M. Jilison's Improved Chart, for cutting Ladies', Misses' and Children's dresses, basques, sacks etc., is the best chart sold. They are so simple that a person can cut and fit with perfect accuracy with them after five minutes instruction. They are sold by Mrs. S. H. Shepherd, for \$5, instructions free.

## FROM DAYVILLE.

DAYVILLE, NOV. 20th, 1879.

**EDITOR OF THE NEWS:**—Having taken a trip across to North Fork, thence across the Northwestern part of the county, the writer finds that nearly all of the cattle have been sold and the vast range that is to be vacated by the moving of about 50,000 head of cattle, will be restocked in the spring with sheep. The cattle are not being sold because they are unprofitable, but rather on account of the encroachments of sheep owners, it being a settled point that sheep and cattle will not thrive well together. Throughout the northwestern part of the county the most of the sheep have been shorn this Fall and the wool is now being marketed at from 22 to 25 cents, (report of owners.) Average lots of sheep change hands occasionally at \$2, per head and choice lots at 2.25 and \$2.50 per head. Flock-masters, as a rule, are importing a great many thorough-bred merino rams, thereby enhancing the value of their flocks and wool clip. The probabilities are that the yield of wool will be increased many tons in the near future. The effort of the News in trying to get a woolen factory established is fully appreciated by wool growers and people generally. Yesterday we heard one firm say they would subscribe \$2000, and other firms \$1000 to \$1000 each. The wool cat firm of Henry Hewitt & Co., of Portland, acting as agents for Messrs. Falke, Bell & Co., of San Francisco, who succeeded in getting so much wool on commission and who succeeded in obtaining the high price of 16 1/2 to 17 1/2 and 18 cents for a great many of their customers (of whom they had a good many in Grant County,) while other firms were selling the same quality of wool at about the same time, both before and after their sales, with same kind of instructions, for 21, 22, 22 1/2 and 23 cents. Just how Henry Hewitt & Co. succeeded in getting such high prices as the first mentioned, they only know, their customers do not. The writer has yet to see one of their many customers that speaks well of them. If their low prices was an error of judgment shippers would do well to steer clear of them. Of course it would be absurd to suppose that they would pocket the difference between low rates and ruling prices, at all events wool growers will do well to avoid them in the future.

J. A. DORSETT.

A company has been formed at Glasgow, Scotland, to operate in the forest lands of Oregon and Washington Territory, for the purpose of utilizing a process of clearing forests by steam introduced into Scotland a few years since. This method is as follows: A traction engine of twelve-horse power is stationed some distance from the wood, a wire chain is fastened to the tree. Steam is then put on, and the tree is pulled forcibly out by the roots. Upwards of 900 trees per day of ten hours can be pulled out by this process. The company will commence operations with fifty engines, which are now being manufactured for them, to be located and worked in different sections of the country, and it is calculated that, in the course of a few years, the whole Northwest of the United States will be cleared and opened up for settlement.—Exchange.

The Fresno Expositor's last "snake" is 300 feet long. A man who can see snakes of that size in California has, to put it mildly, a strong imagination.

The Union Pacific Railroad's earnings for twenty-one days in October were \$1,003,401.70, against \$831,316.91 for the corresponding time in 1878; increase \$172,085.97.

A party of drunken Indians rained a camp of Chinese wood-choppers in Independence Valley, Nevada, a few days since, and ordered the invaders to leave, which they did at once and have arrived at Tuscarora.

There is on the farm of Mr. Hohenschell, not far from the city of Stockton, an apple tree that bears fruit continually. Portions of it is now in blossom, and fruit in various stages of growth hang on the twigs.

## FROM "MARY ANN."

DAYVILLE, GRANT COUNTY, OR. }  
Nov. 26th, 1879. }

**EDITOR NEWS:**—It was so kind of you to publish my letter. I feel I must write and thank you, and if there was really any news to tell I would impart it to you. Of course there remains the weather to write about and we've had lots of it down here, especially on the sheep range, where it has been nearly all weather, however, through the conductive power of a lightning rod patented under the name of "Sheep-herder," the storm hurled itself against and spent its force on my poor, defenceless head. Was it not "Sheep-herder" an unchivalrous deed to do, an ungallant letter to write? The "cow-boys" can answer your accusation in regard to themselves in a more emphatic, concise and conclusive manner than I would be able or dare to do. But you assailed me. It is not in anger, but in sorrow I remind you of this: "Net of the Mary Ann stripe." Mr. Editor did you ever? But the poor man is in that gloomy and misanthropic state superinduced by a cross in love, the supposition being, from the direction of his venom, that his rival is a "cow-boy."

My good, (b) peaceful, (b) quiet (?) shepherd, content yourself with writing pastorals and singing impassioned lyrics to your lady love, if she will hearken to them, and do not attack our gallant "cow-boys," for to all sensible and good looking girls their wild, musical, plaintive cooing as they lead their herds of beef cattle through the hills, now pleading, cooing, caressing, ringing clearly but on the still air as their mild eyed cattle stare at an unusual object, halt over some slight obstacle or with tender moans, gentle lowing and patient feet slowly spring out along the trail, the begging ones pressed forward with soft obsequious, or if emphatic, never impatient, commands of the centaur like drivers, is sweeter far than tearful entreaties to "come and see my sheep," a bashful but not roundabout invitation to visit the herder. Perhaps though I do "Sheep-herder" an injustice. He may have been tormented by a cow fiend, an inflexible calculator to stir and overturn any ill-balanced mind. Dost recognize the picture?

"The hue of her hide was a dusky brown,  
Her body was lean and her neck was slim,  
One horn turned up and the other down,  
She was keen of vision and long of limb;  
With a Roman nose and a short stump tail,  
And ribs like the hoops of a home made pail."  
And this:  
"Over the garden round and round,  
Breaking his pear and apple trees;  
Trampling his melons into the ground,  
Overturning his hives of bees;  
Leaving him angry and body stung,  
Wishing the old cow's neck was wrung."

Your Harney correspondent kindly invites me over to make a "ha h" on some of the young officers. Really Mr. T you overwhelm me, you're too awfully good, but cannot I please be excused. The "nice young officers" are, I've no doubt, too sweet for anything, but their lives are regulated by "taps," and outside of "taps" I imagine their knowledge is limited, why I've heard that the smartest and soberest man in the garrison has to fire off a gun at sunrise and sunset in order to let the others know that such an important event has taken place. Surely this is the acme of collective ignorance and helplessness. "Ignorance" asks you the difference between "cow-boys" and "cattle-kings." May I answer her? Well, all "cow-boys" are kings, being "cow-boys," ergo, they are "CATTLE-KINGS."

There is, as I said before, a great dearth of news, but just wait, four weddings in prospect. What do you think of that?

Unless my eyes change their color, and my right hand lose its cunning you, shall have full description, toilets, menu, etc., for the edification and information of our Canyon City sisters.

The Murray Bros. who, several weeks ago drove a band of beef cattle out of the valley, returned on the 22d.

Having disposed of their cattle to E. J. Roberts, of Crane Creek, Harney Valley. They report considerable snow on the mountains and in Harney Valley.

To-morrow will be Thanksgiving day, doomed, I am afraid, to be but poorly recognized in our section of country. January 1st, 1795, George Washington issued a proclamation for the observance of the first National Thanksgiving on the 19th of February of the same year, to 4,000,000 of people. To-morrow will be observed by upwards of 40,000,000.

Let us all be of the thankful, for our blessings are manifold.

MARY ANN.

**A LARGE APPLE.**—Mr. N. Ford raised a Gloria Maudi apple at the Diamond fruit farm on the Walla Walla river weighing 46 ounces and measuring 16 1/2 inches in circumference. This is said to be the largest apple ever raised in this or any other country. The largest apple at the Centennial weighed 42 ounces. Such is our country and climate for fruit, yet many refuse to believe it, because it looks "big," but still it's true, nevertheless.—W. W. Watchman

No diphtheria in John Day Valley as yet.

It is the opinion of a great many persons who have visited the Wood river country that a railroad through it would develop one of the best grain producing districts in Idaho.

"Strange," growled the editor, "No scissors again! Yesterday there were two pair, now none." "You ain't the first man busted on two pair," muttered the associate as he plunged into a criticism of Pianos.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### CHRISTMAS BALL.

The Members of Prairie City Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., will give a Social Ball, to which the Public are invited, on CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday Evening, December 24th, 1879, at

THE GRANGERS HALL, Prairie City.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Wm. J. Settlemyer, Jerry Dasey,  
George Dollina.

FLOOR MANAGERS.

Jos. B. Johnson and James Finigan.

Tickets, (without supper) \$2.50.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that J. L. Cummings, Administrator of the Estate of C. H. Black, has filed his final report and account in the matter of said estate. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to be and appear at the court house in Canyon City, Grant County, Oregon, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the 6th day of January, 1880, and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be approved and the said Estate fully settled and the administrator discharged.  
34-38 J. L. CUMMINGS,  
Nov. 25th, 1879. Administrator.

### Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, }  
Oregon, Nov. 25th, 1879. }  
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: ALEXANDER MURRAY for the SE 1/4 Sec. 4, T 13 SR 273, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: F. L. Wood, of Grant County, Oregon, and Eli Lester, of Grant County, Oregon.  
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