

# The Grant County News,

Saturday Morning, Dec. 13, 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.

**JULES LE BRETE** 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, Jewellery, 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 BRETE.**

## COMING.

**J. D. TITUS**, 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 watches 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.

**LADIES**, the charts that Mrs. S. H. Shepherd has for sale have never before been offered for sale in this city or county by any other person. \$5 buys one, including instructions. No use to pay \$8, \$10, \$12, or \$15 for a complicated chart when you can purchase the latest, simplest and best chart out for \$5.

**CHRISTMAS TREE.**—The ladies of Canyon City will erect a Christmas tree at Masonic Hall and invite all those who desire to present their children or friends with presents to have them at the hall early so the tree can be arranged systematically. A general invitation is extended to all.

## A RARE CHANCE:

Quite an Event in Canyon City!

An elegant Piece of superior quality of Black Silk "Gross de Naples", a full dress pattern of 20 yards, is up for Raffle at Ed. Turk's store, and will be Raffle off on New Years Eve, next. All ye that have lady friends go and secure a chance whilst you can, it is only \$5 per chance.

The Odd-Fellows of this city and vicinity will give a Grand Ball on New Year's Eve, at Masonic Hall, and as the proceeds are to be donated to Mr. Frank Gurien, who has been a suffering invalid for over 6 years, a large attendance is expected. The several committees will leave nothing undone that will make the evening a pleasant one to all.

The dancing community will not forget the social dance, to be given by the Masonic fraternity, at Prairie City, on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. By reference to the ad. we know the managers will assure success.

Mrs. Woolsey returned home on last Saturday morning from Portland.

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

In another column appears the ad. of a Ball to be given at John Day on Christmas night. As the John Day people never do anything by halves a good time is anticipated.

We learn from reliable authority that the quartz ledges on Dixie creek near Prairie City, are still being worked with very flattering prospects.

The Bedrock Democrat failed to put in an appearance at this post-office last week; perhaps they went to Canyonville instead.

RULISON & GROTH, of the City Hotel have received a new stove, it is a "Monitor", weighs 1005 pounds and cost \$300.

The Post Office at John Day is in full operation now and Frank makes a good Postmaster.

SLEIGHS are being run from Mr. Young's to Auburn on the Dalles & Baker City Stage Line.

A course of lectures will be delivered in this city this winter.

Several communications necessarily laid over till next week.

There will be a Christmas Tree at John Day and it is proposed to have the nicest one in the county. Amen.

This week, instead of our usual general news, we publish a story from the Chicago Weekly News.

The parties that robbed the Stage at Pilgrim Station were caught on Willow Creek by Rube Robbins. They are now in custody at Boise City.

From the Inkand Empire we learn that C. W. Parrish and family, of this city, will remove to The Dalles next summer to reside.

Mr. David Overholt returned from Heppner a few days ago, where he had been to see Mr. John L. Miller, who is not expected to live. He is of the opinion now that Canyon City is the banner town of Eastern Oregon, as to business matters.

**THE FIRST BRICK.**—Secretary Folger, of the Monumental Mining Company, returned home last evening from the company's plant in Grant County, bringing with him the first brick from the mine. Its value is \$1,021.26, and is the bullion product of about ten tons of ore, and assayed 990 fine. The mine presents a most satisfactory condition, and the face of the tunnel and the bottom of the winzes are all in high grade ore, lying between well defined hanging and foot walls, with every prospect of the ledge widening as depth is attained. Enough ore is already on the dumps at the mill to continue work all Winter, and regular returns may now be expected by the stockholders. A bullion shipment will be made about the 20th inst., and the stock holders will receive the most acceptable Christmas gift this year that they could desire. The "first brick" can be seen at the company's office on Stark street, near First—Standard.

Ex senator Mitchell who has just returned from the East in an interview with a "Bee" reporter gives very encouraging news to the people of Oregon. He says, "I confidently expect within three years from this date to see a continuous line of railroad from Portland, Oregon, by way of the south bank of the Columbia river, Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Ogden to New York city."

Chas. De Young of the San Francisco Chronicle, indicted for an assault with intent to murder I. S. Kalloch, took exceptions on the ground that there was not a full number of grand jurors on the panel, but Judge Blake ruled the proceedings of the jury as lawful and Mr. De Young must stand his trial.

**JUDGEMENT FOR THE CITY.**—Col. N. H. Gates was in receipt of a dispatch yesterday from Judge Kelly, of Portland, announcing that in the case of Dalles City against the Methodist Mission, the United States court, Judge Deady presiding, had rendered a judgement for the city.—Mountaineer.

W. A. McPherson, once State Printer, has moved on a farm in Josephine county.

## HARNEY ITEMS.

**FORT HARNEY, Ogn., Dec. 8th, '79.** Editor News:—Winter has set in in earnest and the melodious thud of the flap-jacks and merry jingle of the sleigh-bell is heard on all sides.

Cattle are doing well so far but if this weather continues there will be many an old cow "kick the bucket" before green grass comes.

The country between Wright's Point and old Camp Curry is attracting the attention of immigrants, and a large influx from California and the Eastern States is expected in there in the Spring. There is a vast amount of Government land in the section indicated which is said to be susceptible of cultivation, and if such land sharks as McConaughy don't gobble it up there will be a large increase in the population of this section of the county in the near future. Mr. Perkins who is in charge of a surveying party which has just completed the survey of this land expressed his surprise that such good land remained unoccupied so long.

Mr. Peter French has bought up all the beef cattle there was for sale in Harney Valley, but we didn't learn the prices paid.

The individual who represented the War and Interior Department at the big "Injun" pow-wow at Winnemucca turns to be a distinguished Harneyite, who hadn't his hair shingled since he crossed the plains in '49.

Sally Winnemucca is lecturing in San Francisco, and according to the Chronicle's report, is reflecting severely on Maj. Rinehart's management of the Malheur Agency. The brazen impudence of the drunken harlot! The writer had occasion to visit the Agency for the last five or six years and in justice to Maj. Rinehart he must say that the only real, solid improvements that were ever made there were made under his administration.

"Mary Ann", if you indulge in such weak flings at Harney again you will come out at the little end of the horn. Mr. T. is modest enough not to think that he is half the smartest, and if you were to smell of his breath occasionally you would be satisfied that he was not the soberest one amongst them; nevertheless he doesn't depend on the patent outside of a weekly newspaper for his ideas. Waltz into the kitchen "Mary Ann", and help ma wash the dishes, and whenever you take a notion to write to "the paper" seat yourself at a window overlooking the muddy waters of the classic John Day; finger you bangs with your left hand, and instead of filching from the "patent outsiders" with that "cunning" right hand of yours, jot down the few items of interest that transpires in your neighborhood—either that or something that is evolved from your own brain, "Mary Ann", as we very soon get tired of hash.

"Ignorance", you must excuse me for delaying answering your courteous inquiry, as to who the "Cattle Kings" are, so long, and now "Mary Ann" has stepped in and saved me the trouble. She says our knowledge is very limited. It must be, for I earnestly confess I could never make out what her answer meant, but then "Mary Ann" knows it all. T.

The Chronicle says: Sarah told again how the acts of the Agent, Rinehart, had driven the Indians from their homes on the Malheur reservation, so that the Piutes are scattered throughout Nevada. The speaker closed her story with a touching appeal to the audience for aid in gaining a reservation for her people in Nevada, where they could settle and resume their lessons in the ways of civilization, that were so suddenly broken into by the appearance of Rinehart on the former reservation.

Several persons have informed us that some one "nips" their News once in a while. If you are so poor that you cannot pay for the paper say so and we will give it to you.

Rain is prevailing generally in Eastern Oregon.

## GRANT COUNTY, AS IT IS NOW, AND ITS FUTURE PROSPECTS.

It is the purpose in this article to furnish the readers of the News with a concise statement of what Grant County is, upon every material point, concerning which those who contemplate a removal westward usually seek to be informed. Details will be entered into fully than has been the case in any previous article of like character, and we ask a careful, candid, perusal of it, giving the reader assurance that every statement therein made is warranted by the facts and the public records. We shall at first consider the County as a whole, and follow with the historical and statistical information of each township separately.

### COST OF LIVING.

The cost of living here is, perhaps, higher than in most counties of Eastern Oregon, from the fact that we are not so near the River as our neighbors. Besides we have a great demand at home for every thing that is raised or produced in the county as will be heartily proven in this article as we proceed. Flour ranges from \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt; bacon, 12 to 20 cents per pound; sugar, 5 to 6 pounds for a dollar; coffee, 2½ to 3 pounds for a dollar; 12 yds. of calico for a dollar; cotton batting, 3 pounds for a dollar. A good fur hat can be bought for from \$2.50 to \$5; a good calf skin boot for \$8; cassimere suits from \$13.50 to \$20. Beef sells at from 5 to 12½ cents per pound; green apples from 3 to 10 cents per pound. All other staple and fancy dry goods and groceries sell at corresponding prices.

### WAGES.

Carpenters get \$4 to \$5 per day; miners \$3 to \$5; school teachers \$10 to \$100 per month. Common laborers receive \$30 to \$60 and board; girls from \$2 to \$6 per week to do housework; cooks \$10 to \$60 per month; Chinamen get from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per cord for sawing stove wood; all other wages in proportion.

### OUR FARMERS

get better prices here than any other place, for everything they raise. Grain sells for from 1½ cents to 5½ cents per pound; hay, \$10 to \$15 per ton. Butter, 37½ to 50 cents per pound; eggs, 37½ to 90 cents per dozen; potatoes 1½ to 3 cents per pound, and all other farm products at prices in proportion.

### 1869 AND 1879.

July 12th, 1869, there were occupied in the John Day Valley, for farming purposes, 88 claims. Acres fenced 9,064; cultivated 3,608. Three largest claims fenced, 400, 250, and 200. Average size, 103 acres. This year we find on the assessment roll 86 farms, with an assessed valuation on improvements on the sum of \$74,661.

### OUR ROADSTERS.

In July 1869 our best roadsters owned in this county were J. J. Cozart b. m. Flora; B. C. Trowbridge b. h. General; A. Ferguson's s. h. Stranger; and the best time made was by Stranger being 3:20, and 3:10½ and General 3:20. In Sept. 1879, Champion Knox made his time in 2:31. He is owned by Jas. Brackett of this city.

### OUR INDUSTRIES.

The chief industries in this county are mining, stock raising, farming and freighting. The mines are the best in Oregon, if not on the coast, and are both quartz and placer. Three quartz mills are erected in the county beside, there are numerous arrastras in operation. Stock raising pays well and some men have as many as 40,000 and 50,000 head of cattle, and others have large bands of sheep and horses. A large number of our citizens are engaged in freighting, with four, six, eight, ten and twelve horse and mule teams from the Columbia River to this county, a distance of about 200 miles, and receive from 2½ to 5 cents per pound for hauling. Farming and other industries are carried on very profitably.

### OUR MARKET.

Perhaps you will ask what makes makes prices so good in this county, well we have a Military Post, an Indian Reservation, numerous mining camps, three good towns and quite a number of

stock and freight men to supply with all the necessities of life, hence the cause of good markets and high prices. The following will give you an idea of Camp Harney market:

"Butter is selling at Camp Harney at 60 cents per pound; eggs, from 90¢ to \$1 per doz., all the year around. Wild bay delivered at the post brings \$12 per ton. Three hundred tons are required to supply the post. Wood sells at \$7.50 a cord."—Oregon Farmer.

### GAME.

Elk, deer, antelope, bear, chickens, grouse and "jack-ass" rabbits, as large as Missouri moles, may be found plentifully in the hills of Grant County, and now that no Indians have been on the Reservation for over a year the hills are literally full of all kinds of game.

### BUSINESS HOUSES.

In this county are 16 general stores; 10 blacksmith shops; 14 hotels and lous; 3 shoe shops; 2 barber shops; 2 harness shops; 7 saloon; 3 livery stables; 3 wagon shops; 7 carpenter shops; 7 butcher shops; 2 millinery and fancy goods stores; 4 physicians; 2 drug stores; 2 grist mills; 5 attorneys; 1 tin shop; 2 jewelers and watchmakers; 1 printing office; 1 confectionary store; 2 furniture stores; 3 painters; 12 post-offices. The above does not include any of the business houses operated by Chinese.

[To be continued.]

**MRS. CULLING'S CONDITION.**—Although three months have already passed since Mrs. Culling lost all consciousness and has laid like one entranced, she still survives and Dr. Carpenter, who is attending her, hopes she will yet be restored from her present condition. She has been removed from St. Vincent's Hospital to the residence of Mrs. Williams, her aunt, living at the corner of Washington and Sixth streets. A number of physicians have visited her and all remark hers to be a very singular case. As is always the result, those ready to offer a sure cure if allowed the care of the woman are now waiting. The spiritualists are also taking considerable interest in the case and believe the woman will awaken from her lethargic slumber a great medium and reveal to them where her spirit has been journeying while the body to appearance was all but dead. Dr. Carpenter while hoping yet to bring the woman back to life is fearful that a sudden recovery will leave her a raving maniac, which would place her in a far worse deplorable condition.—Portland Standard.

Salem Statesman, learns that the Methodist Mission proposes to appeal from the decision of Judge Deady in regard to Dalles claim.

Mr. Flack, of the Umatilla agency, has been missing for some time. He started for colfax about three weeks ago and has not been heard of since. It is thought that he has been foully dealt with.

The county jail is the only vacant house in Jacksonville.

The people of Jacksonville have subscribed nearly \$2,400 for a Presbyterian Church.

## CHRISTMAS BALL

There will be a Ball given at the GRANGE HALL, at John Day, Oregon, on

### CHRISTMAS NIGHT,

Thursday, December 25th, 1879.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS, John F. Wolfinger, Frank Wallace, F. I. McCallum, W. H. Kelly.

### FLOOR MANAGERS,

N. R. Macey, Wm. McDowell, R. Damon, Lloyd Stone.

The best of Music has been engaged.

The public are invited to attend. Tickets, including Supper, \$3.50.