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F. C. HORSLEY, M. D.
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, April 8, 1848.
Canyon City, Oregon.

Office in his Drug Store, Main Street. Orders for Drugs promptly filled. No professional patronage solicited unless directions are strictly followed.

J. W. HOWARD, M. D.
CANYON CITY, GRANT CO., OREGON.

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Dental Rooms, Opposite the Methodist Church.
CANYON CITY, OREGON.

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GEO. SOLLINGER,
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MILK-MAN.

The best of Milk furnished to the citizens of Canyon City every morning, by the gallon or quart; at reasonable rates.

JOHN SCHMIDT,
CARPENTER AND WAGON MAKER.
Canyon City, Oregon.

Dealer in HARDWOOD, SPOKES and FELLOES, FURNITURE, CHAIRS, PAINTS, GLASS, and WINDOW-SASH.

Hotels.

N. RULISON, A. H. GROTH.
CITY HOTEL

CANYON CITY, OREGON.

RULISON & GROTH, - - Proprietors

Do give leave to inform their friends

And the Public Generally!

That they can be found at the

OLD STAND,

And are always ready to furnish good

Board and Lodging
AT MODERATE PRICES.

STEINER HOUSE,

The undersigned takes pleasure in announcing to the general public that they have opened a **FIRST CLASS HOTEL** in the building known as **THE GOLDEN EAGLE,**

Canyon City, - - - Oregon,

Where you can find the

BEST TABLE

North of Portland.

The Beds

Are all new, and the rooms have been furnished new throughout.

Board, \$5. per week; \$1. per day

Meals, 50 cents.

SEGERDALL & ROBERTS, Proprietors.

Grange Hotel.

PRAIRIE CITY, OREGON.

J. H. Hardman, Proprietor.

The accommodations at the above Hotel are good, and every care will be taken to make guests feel at home.

Comfortable beds, and as good a table as the market affords furnished at reasonable rates.

HARNEY HOTEL.

Fort Harney, Oregon.

N. OLIVER, Proprietor.

Having completed my Hotel I am prepared to entertain the traveling public with care and comfort. The table is supplied with the best the market affords. The beds are neat and clean.

STRAWBERRY VALLEY
FLOURING MILLS,
MOREHEAD & GLEAVER
PROPRIETORS.

Manufacturers and dealers in Flour of the Best Brand, Graham Flour, Corn Meal, Shorts, Bran and Feed. For a Superior Article

GO FLOUR go the Strawberry Mills. These Mills are located in Strawberry Valley, in the upper John Day Valley, Grant County. Accommodations a speciality. Reasonable prices. Give us a call.

DALLES AND BAKER CITY



STAGE LINE,

Vaile & Co., - - - Proprietors.

Departs from Canyon City for The Dalles and Baker City, Daily.

Arrives from the same points, Daily.

R. G. WILLIAMSON, Sup't.

CANYON CITY & McDERMIT



STAGE LINE,

FRANK McBEAN, - - Proprietor

Departs from Canyon City on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week.

Arrives at Canyon City on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

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.

REMINISCENCE.

Grant County, Oregon, embraces all the head-waters of the John Day, Burnt, Malheur, Silves and Crooked rivers, with the John Day and Harney lake valleys; included in which are the John Day, Olive, Elk, Dixie, Granite and Burnt river mining districts.

That portion known as the Canyon Creek or John Day mining district was found to be a gold field on the 9th of June, 1862, by a company of prospectors from Yreka, on what is now known as Whisky flat, half a mile above Canyon City; on the same day gold was discovered on Little Pine creek, two miles east, and on the following day good prospects were found on Rich and Windless gulches, opening one of the most extensive and richest mining camps in eastern Oregon. The parties who struck the diggings, being about out of the necessities of life went to Auburn, where they reported their discovery of new diggings, which caused a rush of about five hundred persons to this place, and they meeting the gold-seekers from California to Powder river made, within ten days from the first discovery of gold, a population of over one thousand miners. But the claims on the creek being deep with a great deal of water to contend with, and the gulches in which prospects were first found being dry gulches, the most of those who first discovered the place left without receiving any of the benefits derived therefrom. Canyon creek took its name from a canyon through which it flows, in a northerly direction, into the John Day river; and this city took its name from the above named creek, on which it is located, a short distance below the mouth of the canyon and two miles above its confluence with the John Day river; and was laid out by Messrs. Mulkey, Cooper and others on the 20th of July, 1862.

The first building was the express office of Brents & Nelson, put up about the 4th of July, 1862. A whisky shop was started on Whisky flat, on the 15th of June, in a tent; and about the 20th, Powers, Shuman & Wadleigh came in from Yreka with a pack-train loaded with whisky, tobacco and groceries. In a short time after, Cozart, Luce & Stone arrived from the Dalles, with a pack-train loaded with groceries and provisions, and started the first store in the city, in a canvas house. The first restaurant was opened by the Mrs. Coopers; and, during July and August of the same year, several new stores and some ten or twelve saloons commenced operations.

The first claims opened were on Little Pine Creek; the second near Whisky flat, both of which were worked with rockers. In August, Brown & Co. built a small saw mill on Pine creek, which proved a failure; most of the lumber used was cut by whip-sawyers. The Humboldt company were the first to use sluices, to which they attached a long tom, in Juniper gulch. The first ditch was the Bissell creek

ditch dug to convey the waters of Bissell and Pine Creeks to Rich gulch, on which gulch the town of Marysville was built during July and August, 1862. The first claims opened on Canyon creek were the Tranton and the Richardson, in the Fall of 1862, and the Never-Sweat early in the Spring of 1863—all of which proved rich.

The first death was a man whose name has escaped our memory, on Pine creek, who died of consumption; the second, James K. Knox killed by W. Blevins on the 23d of November, 1862, at which time our too well filled graveyard was picked out and dedicated. Berry Way was the first man hung, which took place on June 4th, 1863, after a jury trial by the miners, for the murder of J. Gallagher, near Antelope valley, on the Dalles trail.

Trowbridge & Co. located the first ranch on the 16th of July, 1861, and is still owned by a part of the same firm, and is situated opposite the mouth of the creek on the John Day valley.

The Dalles road was opened early in 1864, previous to which time all supplies were transported to this city by pack trains.

About the 1st of July, 1862, there arrived from California a train, consisting of thirty-two wagons, one hundred and five men, fourteen women and several children, which added to the permanent population of the district—many that came at that time are still to be seen on our streets.

The first persons joined together in the holy bonds of wedlock were Mr. Jas. Adams to Miss Jeannett Hunter.

[To be continued.]

STRAWBERRY VALLEY.

PRAIRIE CITY, GRANT CO., OGN.
Dec. 4th, 1879.

EDITOR NEWS:—You have often expressed a desire to receive communications from various parts of our county, but it appears the citizens do not respond with that alacrity they ought. As yet, no one has ventured to give you any information concerning the upper portion of this valley, therefore I take it upon myself to send you a few items; you can dispose of them as you see fit.

The finest part of John Day Valley is that portion commencing at the Hall Brothers Ranch (nine miles above Canyon City) and extending to the Warm Springs at the head of the valley, embracing a distance of fifteen miles in length, and of sufficient width (for 12 miles) to admit of two tiers of farms on the bottom land; while the "bench" or upland prairie extends back on either side to a distance of from 3 to 5 miles, affording an extensive range of splendid pasturage. This brings you to the base of the mountains (on either side) which are covered with a heavy growth of timber, principally pine, tamarack, red, and white fir, spruce, and black pine.

The nearer you approach the head of the valley, the better the pasturage. The climate is mild and healthy. The soil easily irrigated and very productive, and in the upper part, the water is soft and pure, and the soil free from alkali.

Some years ago, when the valley was just being settled, the upper part was thought to be unfit for cultivation on account of its great altitude; in fact each settler supposed his neighbor's farm above, worthless as it was "altogether too high in the mountains". It is now becoming pretty well known however, that while we can raise as many bushels per acre, the quality is superior, and the weight is greater per bushel, than grain raised in the lower portions of the valley.

The finest quality of timothy and red top hay is raised, and so far as experiments with red clover have been tried, it also yields well. All the hardier kind of vegetables can be, and are raised in abundance.

this portion of our valley, and should you conclude to do so, remember, we would have you accompanied by your "better half" and all the little "responsibilities." Although at last term of Circuit Court the upper valley gained a rather unenviable notoriety. I can assure you there is now, not a more peaceable, law-abiding, and generous hearted community in our county. You will always find the latch string on the outside of their doors, and warm hearts within to receive and welcome you.

OBSERVER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Hogs—Receipts, 51,000 head; shipments, 3,700 head. Market opened strong and 10c higher, became weaker toward ten o'clock, but finally closed strong, with all sold. Mixed packing, \$4 35@4 55; choice heavy, \$4 60@1 90; light weights, \$4 30@4 50.

Cattle—Receipts, 5,300 head; shipments, 1,700 head. There was a shade more of life, but prices generally were unchanged. Fair to good shipping, \$3 60@4 80. Butcher grades about steady at \$3 25@3 50. Feeders and stockers a shade firmer at \$2 00@3 50. Colorado, \$3 60; through Texans, \$2 40@2 60 for cows and oxen, and \$2 70@2 75 for steers. Weather soft and the dressed meat trade depressed. The poultry market is liberally supplied.

Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 1,800. Market dull, quiet and slow, though not notably lower; \$3 25@4 45 for an average of 90@120 pounds.

The Clinton (Pa.) Republican estimates that 300,000,000 feet of lumber will be cut in Pennsylvania this season.

A Napa County (Cal.) farmer, who has a little vineyard and a big wheat field, says his vineyard pays the biggest profit of the two.

The Hudson Paper Car-Wheel Company has appointed a committee to determine upon a site for the erection of works either at Chicago or St. Louis.

—“Then, I suppose, Miss Strong-mind, you and Mr. Sparrow are soon to be man and wife?” “No, sir; woman and husband.”