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Attorney at Law,  
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Canyon City, Oregon.

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.

O. M. DODSON, M. D.,  
Prairie City, - O n.

N. H. BOLEY,  
DENTIST.  
Dental Rooms, Opposite the Methodist Church.  
CANYON CITY, OREGON.

G. I. HAZELTINE,  
Photographer,  
CANYON CITY, OREGON.

GEO. SOLLINGER,  
CANYON CITY  
MILK-MAN.

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

## Hotels.

N. RULISON, A. H. GROTH.

### CITY HOTEL

CANYON CITY, OREGON.

RULISON & GROTH, - Proprietors

Big 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.

SEGERDAHL & 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 & CLEAVER  
PROPRIETORS.

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

OF 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. C. WILLIAMSON, Supt.

### 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.

### OUR SCHOOLS.

[From the note-book of Supt. Mack.]

On Wednesday, July 23d of the past year, the writer set out on an official tour over Grant County, to visit its schools and get acquainted with the country and the people. Previous to this date I had visited the upper valley of the John Day and found two quite industrious schools in session, one in Meador's District, No. 14, under the charge of Prof. Kellogg and one in Warm Springs District, No. 15, presided over by Rev. B. L. Milligan. These schools were small in numbers but were progressing well apparently, and to the mental satisfaction of parents, teachers and pupils. The school houses in these districts are not of the highest order of architecture, but comfortable and roomy enough for the number of pupils they were designed to accommodate.

### WINEGAR DISTRICT

No. 16, lying between these two has a very good school house but though formerly one of the best districts in the county, so many children have moved or grown out of school age that it is now one of the smallest districts in the county, reporting but thirty five persons of school age and maintaining but a single quarter school during the year. There has been no school in that district this summer. Strawberry District, No. 9, also has no school this summer. Marysville ditto. Many of the districts of the county are so small, in number of pupils, not in territory, that they have but three months school in the year, reporting from sixteen to forty persons between four and twenty years of age, and many of those reported as living too far from the school house to attend.

### PRAIRIE CITY

had a large school of seventy or eighty scholars in daily attendance, but in the absence of any report thereof, statistics are vague. It resumes its session next month. This prior trip up the valley was the work of but a day and over a much traveled route through a civilized country. But now I was to wind my way through unknown lands, over deserts and through rivers, over mountains and many miles of desolate wilderness. Like a prudent husband and father, I insured my life in the North Pacific, then bade my charming family an affectionate farewell, and wiping the flowing tears from my classic features, mounted my fiery steed and started on my journey.

The school at Canyon City was in vacation, and in the absence of any report thereof I can tell very little about it, more than that under the efficient management of Prof. Eads and Miss Douth, it progressed favorably and is a good school. It is graded and pupils can there be fitted for college if desired. The school house is new and commodious and speaks well for the enterprise and public spirit of the citizens.

### CANYON CITY

is quite a stirring little place, but is too close to Prairie City to ever amount

to much. Large towns appear to overshadow and chill the growth of villages that presume to undertake an existence too near them. John Day City also had no school this summer. The people there got ashamed of their old school house and disposed of it to a company of Celestials and have built a very fine house this season. That district generally supports a very good school. The next district below, is Luce's a new district without school house or school. They talk of building a school house this fall. My genial friend, John Luce, here welcomed me with open arms. (figuratively speaking) After passing a pleasant night with him and his kind lady, a short ride in the morning brought me to Ingalls' school house, where I found a quite interesting school under the charge of Mr. Parkinson. The whole morning session was spent with them and the pupils appeared to be quiet and industrious and the teacher attentive to his duties. The visit was quite pleasant to me and I trust to the school. The school at Ran's district enjoying the summer vacation, brought

### LONG CREEK

as the next point to be visited. Reaching Fox Valley that evening, after a tedious climbing over the mountains, a generous stockman shared with me his "bed and board" and after a hearty supper, I slept the sleep of innocence and peace. This valley is a beautiful spot, seven or eight miles in diameter covered with a rank growth of bunch grass, and surrounded by mountains covered with green timber. Through it runs a fine stream with numerous small branches and but for its elevation would be a fine agricultural country. But King Cold reigns there too much of the time for useful cereals or vegetables to flourish and so it remains, and so it must remain, a stockman's paradise. Horses and sheep roam over it by thousands, yet, except in spots near the corrals, the grass is almost untouched. No untoward circumstances intervening, fortunes are awaiting the stock owners of Fox Valley. A low ridge of mountains crossed with light grader by a good wagon road, interposes between Fox Valley and Long Creek. This is another "Garden of Eden," being low enough for successful farming along the creek while an ocean of bunch grass extends to the north and west for many miles. Four years ago, but one house stood in this valley. Now it is the

### LARGEST COUNTRY DISTRICT

in the county, reporting some seventy persons of school age and maintaining a school of nearly fifty scholars in regular attendance. It was cheering to see the interest manifested in the school by its patrons, many of them visiting it on the day of my visit. Mr. White was in charge and the exercises were interesting and appeared to be quite satisfactory to the people. A pleasant visit with old acquaintances, and then my route led westward, toward the North Fork of John Day river. It led through a fine grazing country without a break till night found me at the hospitable home of our popular Commissioner, Hamilton, where are peace and abundance. Friend Hamilton is a large farmer and a large stock raiser and a large hearted man generally. If you don't believe it, go and see him and his charming family and you will not regret your visit. He lives on a branch of the North Fork a few miles from the river and in a beautiful country. I do not believe the sun shines on lovelier valleys than nestle among the Blue Mountains of Grant County. The

### NORTH FORK DISTRICT

contains three distinct settlements several miles apart and the people at their annual meeting elect one director in each settlement and they divide the public money among the settlements in proportion to the number of pupils in

each. The three schools are necessarily small, but it is the best arrangement that can be effected under the circumstances. No school was in progress in the district at the time of my visit. The school in the middle settlement having been closed on account of sickness, but a short time before. All the three subdivisions will probably have schools this fall. A ride of a few miles from Hamilton's brings the traveler to Monument, a Post-office but not a town. The P. M. was absent but I found pleasant people there and a nice little farm, with fruit and vegetables growing in abundance.

[To be continued.]

### CHRONOLOGY.

#### January.

1. Destructive storms along the British, French and Norwegian coasts. Disastrous floods in Great Britain. Resumption of specie payments by the United States Government.

2-3. Intensely cold weather throughout the East and West, causing a total suspension of business.

4. Cork, Ireland, refuses to "receive" ex-President Grant. Chicago Postoffice burned.

5. Unprecedented cold weather in the Southern States. Senatorial elections in France result in a great victory for the Republicans.

7. Reassembling of Congress.

9. Slaughter of forty captive Cheyenne Indians by the military at Fort Robinson, Neb.

13. Colliery disaster in Wales; 60 miners killed. Reno Court of Inquiry convenes at Chicago.

14. Railway train precipitated into the river Arda, in Turkey; over 200 Russian soldiers drowned. Big fire in Grand street, New York; loss \$2,000,000.

17. Another great fire in New York; loss, 4,000,000.

18. Decree in France pardoning 2,000 Communists.

20. Steamer Oberon lost on the coast of England.

27. Five men killed at Bradford, Pa., by the explosion of a locomotive boiler. A man at Mortville, Me., kills three people, and is himself shot dead.

29. Seven colored people killed by a tornado at Inka, Miss. Two men hanged at Indianapolis.

30. Resignation by Marshal MacMahon of the Presidency of France, and election of M. Grevy. Five persons killed by a boiler explosion in Woodford county, Ill.

31. Alms-house at Louisville, Ky., burned; several inmates killed and burned to death. M. Gambetta elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies. John J. Ingalls elected Senator from Kansas, and B. F. Jonas from Louisiana.

Gen. Lane celebrated his 78th birthday at Roseburg on the 14th of December.

Peter Cornelius and Lige Smith, of Myrtle Creek, on a four days' hunt, recently, killed one cougar, four bears, five wild cats and four deer.

Wm. Schooling, son of Hon. J. P. Schooling, of Salem, accidentally shot himself with a pistol recently. The ball entered the right leg just below the knee.

The southern Oregon papers continue to be filled with accounts of the recent floods. Nearly every village reports more or less damage, bridges, fences etc., being washed out.

The Lakeview Herald says that Goose Lake is frozen over, and skating parties are numerous. The ice on the slough is reported to be strong enough

Eugene market: Merchantable wheat on board cars, \$1; oats, 40@50c; fresh butter, in rolls, 25c; eggs, 37c; chickens, 2@2 50 per dozen; shriveled wheat 50@75 cents.