

The Grant County News,

Saturday Morning, Jan. 24, 1880.

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.

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.

STILL ANOTHER.—The Van Buren, Iowa, Democrat, of Jan. 8th, 1880, contains the following:

"Mr. J. S. Shepherd has bought the Corydon Wayne county, Democrat. He will take charge of the office in about two weeks, and will give the Democrats of Wayne county a good paper. No reflection on the Democrat as now conducted is intended."

Memory carries us back fifteen years ago when we were "devil" for J. S., in our father's office, the "Des Moines Valley News." He is an expert printer, a rich, rare and rare writer; a sober industrious man, and will, no doubt, keep the Democrat the best paper in the county, and in a political view "red hot." He is the third brother now in the publishing business.

NEXT WEEK we will conclude the description of Grant County. It will contain a complete list of all the business men, all the county officers, benevolent orders and officers, churches and pastors, schools and masters, and all will be as near correct as possible. All of our advertisers names will be marked with an X, and hope and request that every subscriber preserve the News of the next issue. It will be worth three times the price of subscription for future reference.

Is a private letter from Mr. E. M. Furman, to us, he says: "Please tell Messrs. Rulison & Groth that their nice steak and venison is better than any I have got at any other hotel in this upper country." Score one for Canyon City, if you please.

A FIRE.—On last Thursday morning the residence of Fisk & Rinehart took fire from a defective flue and was entirely consumed. A portion of the furniture was saved, yet the loss will probably reach \$2,000. It being three miles from town help was unavailable.

A lively fistuff took place on Main street last Sunday morning. The agitator got a handsome lick on the left cheek bone, besides he was made acquainted with the boot toe of his opponent. Young men, you shouldn't fight, it is hard on the eyes.

MARRIED.—In East Weymouth, Mass. on Wednesday, January 21st, 1880 Mr. W. A. Jacobs, of this city, to Miss Lizzie A. Denton.

May peace, happiness and plenty be theirs. Our citizens will be only too glad to welcome them to our city.

MARRIED.—In San Rafael, Cal., January 1st, by the Rev. James McDonald, Frank D. Sweetser, of Oregon, to Maria E. Sutherland, of San Rafael.

The Van Buren Democrat comes to us this week enlarged, and in new dress. It is one of our most valued eastern exchanges, and the best local paper in "old Van Buren Co."

SICKNESS is the order of the day at present. Epizootic is the general complaint.

The lecture, or debate, on last Wednesday night was a success. The subject, "Resolved that Grant County would be benefited by a railroad" was handled by Geo. Gundlach in the affirmative and Major Magone in the negative. The Judges were Col. Currey, Jas. A. Campbell and E. S. Penfield, and gave their decision in the affirmative. Mr. G. fairly riddled the Major's argument, and the Major riddled Grant county and Oregon City.

ENTERPRISE.—We have received a fine lithograph picture of the new Chronicle Building, and pronounce it a beautiful structure. Perhaps no newspaper men in the United States are endowed with as much genuine enterprise as the De Young boys. From the small "Dramatic News" they have made the Chronicle one of the best papers in America.

A certain little girl in this city was sent out to find some eggs at the stores, and upon returning home remarked that there was no eggs in town, but that Frank said that there was lots of hens over at "Brigham's" and up to Mr. Kelly's standing around looking at each other.

We hardly know whether an "old married man" has a right to tell on a young man if he should happen to see him caress—well we won't tell, because we were once young.

READ the new advertisements to-day profit thereby. Read all the advertisements and see if any changes have occurred.

A CERTAIN youth asked his over-pious mother if coffee-dam was swearing, and being answered no; said, "well I wish 'is' would coffee-dam head off."

Not an egg can be purchased in this market at present.

Vick's Floral Guide for 1880 is the finest ever published and contains over 500 illustrations. No house in the U. S. has as large and favorable a reputation as does that of James Vick of Rochester, N. Y.

187 There I have done it, give us on their sheet of paper.

DEPT.—Near Prairie City on January 14th, 1880, John Manwaring.

BORN.—At John Day, on Friday, Jan. 23d, 1880, to the wife of F. Smeyers, a girl.

THE STANDARD.—On the first of January the Portland Standard entered upon its 5th volume. It has gained immensely during the five years and now stands at the "top round." It should have a larger circulation in Grant county than it has, and especially should all Democrats take it.

Considerable opposition is being made to the re-appointment of Emery as Governor of Utah, on the ground that he has been aiding the Mormons in their persistent efforts to deprive the Gentiles of their constitutional rights.

Dan Rice, the showman, has "caved" to Moody and Sankey. The "lost sheep" sermon was what did it, when Dan was pretty full. He now proposes to become an evangelist, and will run a religious instead of a secular circus.

The Republican National Convention will be held in Chicago, on Wednesday, June 22nd, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President.

The body of Jacob Sawyer, a German, bachelor, aged sixty years, was found murdered and horribly mutilated in his cabin, twenty-four miles southwest of Portland, in Washington county, Oregon, Friday Morning. He was evidently murdered with an ax, and for the money he was supposed to have in his cabin. No clue to the murderers.

Senator Lamar's health is improving. Frank Leslie leaves all property to his wife.

Barksdale is the lead for the Senatorship of Mississippi to succeed Bruce.

A public meeting to raise funds for the Irish sufferers was held at Springfield on the 15th.

The department has decided that bees are available matter. Better take the sting out first.

HARNEY ITEMS.

FORT HARNEY OGN., }
JAN. 20th, 1880. }

EDITOR NEWS.—The little notoriety the "widows" obtained through the columns of the News doesn't seem to have hurt them much as witness the following:

About two weeks ago as the sun was sinking beneath the horizon, there rode into the Post a gentleman muffled in a thick ulster overcoat and fancy shawl. After partaking of a sumptuous repast at the "Oliver Hotel," his first question was: "Where does all those Grass Widows keep themselves that the Canyon City paper writes so much about?" In due course of time he received a formal "knock down" to one of the wretched creatures and the result was, that after a brief courtship, we have to chronicle the marriage of Chas. W. Wilcox and Mrs. May Agnes Clark. Judge Wheeler tied the nuptial knot in his usual dignified manner, and after getting ahead of the green bridegroom in satchling the first kiss. We were assured by the bride that her first household expense would be to subscribe for the News. It looks as if Harney was going to be left out in the cold while a description of the county was being published; but your correspondent who has his hands full "pounding 'em on the back for six days of the week will devote a brief portion of his holiday to tell what little he knows about Harney.

The Post was established by Gen. Crook in 1867. It has accommodations for three companies of soldiers—two of cavalry and one of infantry, is built as Posts generally are, in the shape of a hollow square. The officers and soldier's quarters are constructed out of logs lined inside and with fire-places and are the most comfortable dwellings any one could wish to occupy. The present strength of the Garrison consists of five commissioned officers and eighty enlisted men. The original designation of the Post was Camp Harney—now it is Fort Harney. We went to the trouble to hunt up the cause of changing the official designation of the Post and the following (which is official) is the result: "Head Quarters, Military Division of the Pacific and Department of California. Under the provisions of General Orders, War Department, No. 79 of 1878, and by instructions of the General of the Army, dated Dec. 5th, 1878, the following Posts in the Military Division of the Pacific retaining their present names will be designated as follows: Vancouver Barracks, Fort Boise, Fort Harney, etc." As the practice of designating Military Posts varied in the several Military Divisions, and in order to secure uniformity in this respect, Division Commanders are authorized at their discretion to name and style all Posts permanently occupied by troops the occupation of which is likely to be permanent "Fort," and to style all points occupied temporarily "Camp." That is how this place came to get the name of "Fort Harney" (suggestive of siegeworks, buttresses, battlements, etc.) There is some talk in official circles about the Post being abandoned next Spring. Your correspondent, following the example of those smart Eastern fellows, interviewed the Commanding officer of the Post and learned the following facts concerning the matter:

Gen. McDowell, the Division Commander, has sent the Commanding officer an official telegraphic dispatch not to go to any more expense to the government than was actually necessary, as the Post would be abandoned next Summer. A similar copy was looked for from the Deputy Commander, Gen. Howard, and as he has not disguised his antipathy towards the citizens of this county, his approval of abandoning the Post can be counted on. A brief description of the post and surrounding country is respectfully submitted, and if anybody thinks they can improve upon it they are welcome to "sail in."

FORT HARNEY.

The surrounding country is very mountainous and rugged, and although the soil is in some few places very fertile; it is impossible to raise any vegetables on account of the severe frosts which are of frequent occurrence in the early Summer. Ice has been known to form in the post

in August. Stein's Mountain; the highest peak in this section; is 75 miles south of the post. 25 miles south of the post is the large body of water known as the Malheur Lake and connected with it by large swamps to the southwest is Harney Lake. These lakes are the resort of immense flocks of water-fowl of various kinds, in the summer and fall.

The soil of the Valley is in some places good and well adapted to raising grain were it not for the heavy frosts. The grass is very good, furnishing excellent grazing in the spring and summer. The wild hay growing in the vicinity is of an exceedingly fine quality, and very abundant. The principal trees are the pitch pine, red and white fir, juniper, aspen and cottonwood. Along the creeks willow grows very abundantly, and in the mountains mountain mahogany is found in considerable quantities. The pitch pine is however by far more numerous than any other tree. The mountains for several miles north of the post being heavily timbered with it. There is a saw-mill twelve miles north-east of the post where lumber can be procured to advantage.

Excellent stone for building purposes can be obtained in the immediate vicinity of the post; it is of volcanic origin and can be easily shaped when first quarried, but becomes very hard on exposure.

The warm season is from June to October. The winters are sometimes very severe, the thermometer indicating 26 degrees below zero. The prevailing wind at all seasons of the year is from the south, and is called throughout this part of the state the "chinook wind". The locality is exceedingly healthy, no disease of any kind being prevalent.

Average rain fall, 8-63. The nearest town is Canyon City; there is no probability that Canyon City will ever be a rival of New York, Boston or Chicago, but we hope its dimensions will gradually be extended beyond Rebel Hill and Gospel Ridge, and eventually have a ferry boat or railroad running to John Day City and Portland.

A Communication on Fire.

In view of the serious losses by fire that have recently been sustained by several of our citizens and inasmuch as the causes of these fires have been attributed to dislocated stove pipes, caused, no doubt, by the recent high winds; and while I heartily sympathize with those who have been overtaken by the terrible visitation by which they lost their houses and all their contents in mid-winter it would be nothing but proper to call the attention of the inhabitants of our own burg to the danger that might be lurking between more than one roof and ceiling of our dwellings; then would it not be a good plan to appoint three of the citizens of Canyon City to examine all flues and stove pipes and see whether or not they are safe. What say ye, if we was to appoint for instance, Messrs. Dr. F. C. Horsley, Max Meteshan and our vigilant watchman Brady to call an examination next Monday. I don't think either of the above named gentlemen will object; neither do I suppose that there is a householder within the limits of our town but what will readily submit to an examination and who will repair any damage upon the recommendation of said committee.

ONE THAT IS INTERESTED.

We have received following in regard to the fire at the Fruit Ranch: A library of more than 150 valuable works, together with several trunks and chests of valuable contents with keep-sakes, relics, the accumulation of years were also consumed. Bedsteads, stoves and all the kitchen fixtures were entirely destroyed. Loss of building and contents estimated at \$2,500.

The fire originated from the kitchen stove pipe, between the ceiling and the roof; and though every precaution seemed to have been taken after the heavy storms, to readjust the pipe and place every thing in a safe position, yet some unaccountable cause was the origination of this heavy loss.

IN WASHINGTON.—"Sally," Natchez, Capt. Jim and their Pa, "Old Winnemucca," is in Washington holding a pow-wow with the chief Mogul. Sal proposes to have her tribe return to Malheur Agency, provided Sam Parrish is appointed agent; if that is impossible then they will go to Yakima. The tribe say that Sally has not been with them for years, and that they do not propose have her dictate for them. Mr. Parrish, we are informed, will hardly give up his present good situation at the Monumental mine for that of an Indian agent.

The John Day Mills are in full operation now, and are turning out the very best brands of Flour, Graham Flour and Mill feed. All orders left at the Mill or with Gundlach & Bro., will be promptly filled. tf.

A New York interviewer says that President Tilden does not wish to be a candidate, but that he wishes to be placed in a position to decline in favor of some one who may be his choice.

Senator Hill, of Colorado, told the bloody Utes that the only way to settle present troubles is for them to give up their reservation and to surrender the murderers. But he wants to put them on somebody else's reservation.

A Reminiscence of Gen. Grant. When Gen. Grant was in Portland last fall, he met an old friend whom he knew in 1854. Together they talked of old times, and the General asked his friend how he was getting on. "I'm doing first-rate now," he said, "but for years I suffered so with pain in my back and kidneys, that life was a burden; but a single package of the Oregon Kidney Tea cured me up, sound and well, and I'm good for another twenty years." Sold everywhere.

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NEW TO-DAY.

DANCING SCHOOL.

Prof. C. B. Bailey will open a dancing school in this city, at Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th, 1880. Lessons will be given to the class on Tuesday and Friday Evenings of each week.

TERMS.—\$5 for Eight Lessons. All those desiring to join the class can consult G. W. Dett or H. Stanislawsky, of Canyon City.

The Class at John Day will receive instructions on Monday and Saturday Evenings of each week. Enquire of W. H. Kelly. n42-2m.

FOR SALE.

A fine baby carriage for sale at a very reasonable price. Enquire at this office.

A nice revolver for sale. It is an excellent one and will be sold low. Enquire at the News Office.

Clubbing is not generally considered an agreeable thing, but when it comes to clubbing the Chicago WEEKLY NEWS and the GRANT COUNTY NEWS for \$3.50 a year, we find no objectors. Try this clubbing—you'll like it.

For Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at Public Sale on the 23rd day of January, 1880, at the JOHN HERBURGER, JR. RANCH, four miles below Canyon City, the following property belonging to the Estate of John Herburger, Sr., deceased: 27 head of stock cattle, 2 wagons, and 2 stacks of hay. Terms, Cash. JOHN HERBURGER, Administrator. Dec. 19th, 1879. n37-41.

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