

The Grant County News,

Saturday Morning, Jan. 31, 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 next preceding 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. 53, 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.

MAJOR MAGONZ said in his lecture that he had taken particular pains to find out from one merchant in this city how much freight he had received during the year 1879, and had received the answer in black and white and it was 150,000 tons. (?) Now suppose we allow that each merchant or dealer in the county receives 50,000 pounds per year we import yearly the sum of 150,000 tons at an expense of \$450,240. If the above figures ain't enough to convince railroad men of the wealth of Grant County we will say pass on.

Answer of the Money Order business transacted at the Post Office at Canyon City for the year 1879:

Total number of orders issued, Canadian, British, German and Domestic, 2918.

Amounting to \$47,764.47.

Amount orders paid \$13,178.00.

Nearly \$20,000 more than was issued in the year 1878.

Col. CRANX delivered a lecture at the M. E. Church on last Wednesday evening. Subject, "We and They." "Weun's" were not present, but "Theyun's" say that it was a rich, rare, rare and instructive lecture. That's the kind the Col. can deliver when he takes a notion.

The Sociable and Supper of Mrs. L. Thomson's was well attended and a splendid time was had. The proceeds amounted to \$30. We understand that another one is to be given soon at Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Trowbridge's.

Saw Mill men and others in need of habit metal will do well to call at this office, as we have about 100 lbs. of old type for sale. We want to send for some new job type and will sell the old type cheap for cash.

Mr. OVERTREY spent a few days in town this week. He reports their large band of cattle, in Silvis Valley, in a very poor condition, and no doubt many will die yet, in addition to what have already died.

A ghost, dressed in black, passed through Frank McCallum's store at John Day, one evening this week. Beware, boys; black ghosts are rare.

Mr. W. C. ALRED has returned home after a seven week's absence in California. He is much improved in health.

The political pot has begun to boil in this county. Many a wife has to mend button holes now. Glad we are out of politics.

Mr. Scroggins, of Long Creek, lost two children with diphtheria, this week.

The general inquiry made by the ladies hereabouts is, "what did Mr. Gandlach do with those mules?"

A Man asked Mr. Hall this: "Say, I dropped a letter in that box outside last week, did you take it out?"

On account of severe sickness in our family this week we ask the indulgence of the readers of the News.

A stranger asked one of our town boys a few days ago "how far it was to John Day, if he kept straight on?" "Well," said the boy, "if you keep straight ahead the way you are going now it is about 25,000 miles, but if you turn around and go the other way it is only two miles."

Our thanks are due Hon. John Whiteaker, M. C. from Oregon, for valuable public documents sent us.

An old man was giving a young man a lecture, yesterday, on his future prospects, and said: "Young man you should improve your time, there is plenty in store for you." "Yes," said the young man, "I see, but I can't prevail on the clerk's to hand it over the counter to me."

The Maine muddle still continues. The probabilities are that blood will be shed before the fuss is settled.

The Wheeler & Wilson factory at Bridgeport covers over seven acres of ground. In the main room there are 1003 separate machines for special mechanical operations; the number of driving belts which meet the view in this room is by actual count, 1,676, of total length of but 99 feet less than 7 1/2 miles, this is exclusive of short feed belts.—Scientific American.

Ferret toms have been running all winter between Prairie City and The Dalles.

Two shots were fired in a saloon in Baker City, recently, by roughs, and although about forty people were in the house at the time not a person was hit. Get shot guns the next time you shoot at 'em.

Ice is being housed by our citizens this week.

A young man wants to know if he will be compelled to marry a girl in this year if she asks him. He says he was told she would ask him to marry her. No, young man. But if she is wealthy you had better say yes, as it might be your last chance.

Prepare for St. Valentine's day.

The Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine company, of Bridgeport, has at present on hand orders for ten thousand sewing machines in advance of the capabilities of their immense establishment.—Waterbury, Conn., Weekly American.

Baker City is troubled with tipsy courtiers, while Canyon City is not even troubled with sober ones. Can many mining towns say as much as Canyon City.

A singing school is to be organized in this city.

Peter Kuhl is preparing to build a residence on the ridge on the Marysville road, in rear of Mr. Sels' residence. Two other dwellings will also be erected on the same ridge.

MAX METSCHAN contemplates erecting a stone store house on his lot at John Day soon. Thus we glide.

The stock men of this country are despondant while the miners are jubilant.

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.

A strong effort to prevent Collector Higby's removal is being made by the California delegation in Congress.

It would really look as if the first step in the programme to make polygamy odious would be for Congress to expel Mr. Cannon, the Mormon Delegate for Utah. He is the husband of four wives, and the father of about twenty children, although he is credited with rebuking some of his fellow-Congressmen by only supporting one wife at a time in Washington. As it is, Mr. Cannon sits in the House of Representatives every day like the rest of them often with one of his polygamous wives at his side—mingles in debates, and draws his pay from the National Treasury. As long as Congress has not spunk enough to abolish polygamy in the District of Columbia it is idle to attempt it in the Territory of Utah.—Chicago Tribune.

GRANT COUNTY,

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Senator, Thos. Davidson; Representative, R. D. Johnson; County Judge, G. I. Hszeltico; Commissioners, J. H. Hamilton and H. Hall; Sheriff, J. J. Wash; Dep't. Sheriff, R. Lockwood; Clerk, W. S. Southworth; Treasurer, T. W. Poindexter; Assessor, J. B. Johnson; School Supt. J. W. Mack. The county debt is at present about \$17,000. Tax levy, 28 mills. The county expenses for last year were about \$10,000 less than the preceding year.

JOHN DAY

Is a pleasant little town near the mouth of Canyon Creek and contains the following

MERCHANTS:

A. Hockney, A.; F. McCallum, A.
*An A. denotes our advertisers. N. B.

BUTCHERS.

Howard & Cobb, A.

MILLS.

J. Narmon & Co., A.

HOTEL.

W. H. Kelly.

BLACKSMITHS.

Heppner & Newmer.

SALOON.

C. W. Rao.

SCHOOL.

J. McFarland.

HARNESS SHOP.

Campbell & Bro.

FIELD STABLE.

J. A. Jarved.

PHYSICIAN.

Dr. W. E. Pruden, A.

FORT HARNY

Is, as its name signifies, a military post, and its

GENERAL MERCHANTS

are Snider & Stevens, A.

HOTEL.

N. Oliver, A.

BLACKSMITH.

W. W. Johnson.

ROBINSONVILLE.

Is a mining camp and all the business is mainly carried on by C. W. Duggett, who keeps store, hotel, feed stable and saloon. A.

GRANITE CREEK

Is another mining camp and has the following business houses: hotel, D. F. Rogers saloon, Milt Stevens. Milt also keeps a butcher shop, and six miles above is the Mooney tal Mine where you will find E. J. W. Stearns with a full stock of goods and H. Robbins with a good hotel.

SUSANVILLE

Is also a mining camp and Mr. J. H. Blake keeps a good stock of goods on hand, at Camp Watson, another mining camp, Mete Howe stands ready to furnish dry goods.

MISCELLANEOUS HOTELS.

Mrs. Newton, Middle Fork; Jas. Young, Young's station; F. McLean, Soda Springs; E. Schuit, Camp Watson; Eli Lester, South Fork; Dr. Anderson Happy Valley.

MT. VERNON

has a post office, a blacksmith shop near by and a warm spring close at hand.

MARYSVILLE

is a mining town situated about two miles from Canyon City and near it is some of the richest placer mines in the county. Three miles from Marysville is

PRAIRIE DIGGINGS.

There is a ten stamp quartz mill at the above place and some rich mines in close proximity.

FROM STEINS MOUNTAIN.

STEINS MOUNTAIN, JAN. 23, 1880.

EDITOR NEWS:—Your efforts in behalf of Grant County are commendable and I hope that your plucky little paper will be sustained and receive the support which it richly deserves. I am sure that you do not wish to mislead your readers in regard to the varied and unvalued resources of the county; a plain statement of facts without any "gush" is what those seeking homes desire. Therefore the correspondent who in his desire to make a good showing for his precinct holds out inducements which can never be realized is injuring both the county and the person who is seeking a locality in which to settle and make himself a home. Alvord precinct is situated in the south east corner of the county and includes Pueblo, Trout Creek, Wildhorse, Alvord and White-

horse valleys. These valleys are all similar in regard to their adaptability for agricultural purposes. As Supt. Mack says they are a "high tone" to ever be brought under successful cultivation where Jack Frost makes nightly visits ten months in the year is no place for the farmer. Even if the climate was suitable there is not sufficient amount of water for irrigating purposes except in those seasons when deep snow fall in the mountains. The raising of cereals has been tried repeatedly and in three years out of four has proved an entire failure. Most of the stock ranches succeed by great care in raising vegetables of early and hardy varieties.

This portion of the county has been the stock man's paradise; the valleys were covered with an abundance of rich grass with plenty of good spring water for stock. Cattle would get very fat in the Summer and Winter, through the hardest seasons in good condition and without loss. But its grass has departed; the business was overdone; the county was overstocked; and now it has become necessary for stock men to reduce their herds to the capacity of the range and to seek new pastures upon which to move their stock.

There is not a trace of any kind of mineral in this part of the county except at Pueblo mountain, where some very good silver rock has been found and Mr. Hall is at present prospecting it with the hope of developing a payable mine. What this part of the county wants is a good wagon road to the rich agricultural valley of the John Day's, but of this more anon. T.

LONG CREEK.

LONG CREEK, OGN, Jan. 27.

EDITOR NEWS:—I herewith send you some items with regard to the Long Creek and North Fork country being the northern part of Grant County, and comprising the North Fork Susanville and Long Creek precincts.

They have a superficial area of more than twelve hundred square miles which is mostly rugged and broken mountain land with some valleys and plains or table lands; the greater portion being covered with a luxuriant growth of rich grass. The above precincts have a voting population of one hundred and twenty five and a Chinese population of fifty to one hundred and a census of over one hundred persons of school age. Their total population is about four hundred. The largest settlement in this part of the county is on Long creek over thirty farms being located within three miles of the school house, and there is plenty of good land inside of ten miles for one hundred more.

Our mail facilities is limited to one trip a week from Canyon City to Monument, in the North Fork precinct. Susanville and Long Creek are off of the established mail. I only get their mail at a great expense of time and money. We yet, but a united secure one. Over 2000 subscribed to be given to

men who will build one with capacity of grinding six bushels per hour and make a chaffable flour. This amount of flour consumed the year will not fall short of 200,000 There is 25,000 acres of good tillable land suitable for raising wheat within 15 miles of this point, which, at 20 bushels per acre would produce 500,000 bushels. This estimate would include Fox valley which has grown good wheat for three years in succession.

There was produced here last year, 75,000 lbs of wool, and marketed; and over 1,000 head of beef cattle besides horses and hogs and 1,000 head of cattle were not sold for want of a buyer. There are now in this section 25,000 head of sheep and the wool crop this season will be at least 125,000 lbs and 2,000 head of cattle can be sent to market. There is plenty of room and grass for four times the number of sheep now kept here and I predict that this section will have 10,000 sheep inside of five years. The horse business is receiving considerable attention; some 2,000 head are now owned within our limits and I suppose 200 head are annually sent to market. The gold fields

of Susanville are very extensive; but quartz and placer diggings are worked here and a yearly average of \$10,000 to \$20,000 is taken out; mining operations will be enlarged the present season as new diggings are to be developed on the Middle Fork and at Junction Bar. About twenty good, steady hands could find remunerative employment in our section the coming season; such as sheep herders, rail makers cutmen, etc. A.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The President has nominated James Russell Lowell of Massachusetts, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to England; John W. Foster, of Indiana, Minister to Russia; Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin, Minister to Spain; Philip H. Murray, Louisiana, Minister to Mexico; Eli H. Murray, Kentucky, Governor of Utah Territory; Henry G. Langley, James Harbord, Alexander Dunn, and Charles W. Dana, as the Census Supervisors for California. Augustus Ash, United States Marshal for the district of Nevada; DeForest Frazier, Arizona, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona; Jacob B. Blair, Wyoming, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Wyoming; Mobile, C. Brown, Wyoming, U. S. District Atty. of Wyoming.

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. Dart, 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. Inquire at this office.

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

NEW TO-DAY.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

The undersigned, wishing to engage in other business, will sell cheap for cash the following property: A Well Situated Ranch one mile from Canyon City, on the Harney road, good dwelling house, milk house, cellar, stable and other out buildings. Fencing good; also 49 head of BROOD MARES AND COLTS, more or less; some of the best blood in the county. Also one 5 year old Stallion, bred by Johnny Moore.

Also an improved mower for sale.

50 HEAD OF STOCK CATTLE;

fifty of them good Dairy Cows,

Work Horses and Mares,

and light wagons,

and Concord

above prop.

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All parties

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BENEFIT E

A Ball will be given at the Hall, John Day, on Friday February, 13th, for the benefit of School District No. 3. Ticker Supper at W. H. Kelly's, extra.

H. STANISLAWSKY, Practical maker and Jeweler, is located in Canyon City, Oregon. Watches and Jewelry repaired at short and warranted.