

The Grant County News,

Saturday Morning, Mar. 6, 1880.

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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 each month, at seven and half o'clock P. M.

H OBAH 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., meets every Saturday Evening. Members of the order are invited to attend. By order of the N. G.

COUNTY NEWS.

The O. S. N. Co.—We acknowledge the receipt of an Annual Pass for 1880, over Oregon Steam Navigation Company's lines, for which Mr. Geo. J. Ainsworth, General Superintendent, has our thanks and kind regards.

Mr. Ainsworth informs the people of this upper country that this year his company will place at their disposal increased facilities for removing their grain, wool, &c., thus enabling them to rush their products to market in time to secure the best prices. Truly the O. S. N. Co. is fortunate in securing so able a Superintendent as Capt. Ainsworth; and the whole North-west owe a great deal to the Company. We make the assertion, and without fear of successful contradiction, that if our people had never had O. S. N. Co., or the Pacific Coast papers to aid them in the development of this country it would to-day, instead of being the grandest section in America, be a wilderness unknown to the majority of the civilized world.

A FIRE.—On last Tuesday afternoon the alarm of fire was given and in less than five minutes dozens of men had assembled at and on the building directly opposite the News office, and used as a residence by Mr. C. W. Bonham. It appears the heavy wind on Monday night had disjoined the stove pipe, and when Mr. Bonham's family returned home from a visit down the river a fire was made in the stove, and soon the flames were seen issuing from the roof. The people of this place are too well aware what a fire under headway means to Canyon City, and in less time than it takes to tell it the bucket brigade had the fire fiend under complete control, and the safety of our town guaranteed. No doubt if the fire had originated in the night, or had our citizens depended on an engine to "steam up" many would have been houseless on Wednesday. The damage done was about \$50.

The John Day Mills made a run last week under the supervision of Major Magone, of 26 hours and turned out 78 barrels of beautiful white flour. The run was not made under as favorable circumstances as the proprietors would wish for but it is enough to say that all persons connected with the mill are confident that no mill in the Willamette Valley, or elsewhere, can do better with the same capacity. Improvements are still being made in the mill and when it is all in "ship-shape" a description of it will appear in the News. We have a sack of the flour made during the run and pronounce it a No. 1. article. Thanks gentlemen.

BILLIARDS.—We desire to secure an imposing stone and if any one in this county knows the whereabouts of an old billiard table that was cast aside in this county some years since we will be more than pleased if they will inform us of the fact, that we may get hold of a part of the bed to answer our purpose.

THE RACE TRACK.

The horsemen of this county have been talking considerable about the race track lately, and they all seem to think that a move should be made by some one to call a meeting and consult with each other about whether it would be advisable to have a little racing about July, or not. Major Magone says that the Mt. Vernon track is the best (when in order) that he knows of in Oregon, or on this coast, for trotting horses; and that every effort should be made to have it put in good repair and let the people know that we have some promising trotters in this county. Mr. J. J. Cozart says that he is decidedly in favor of putting the grounds in good order and make a race for two year olds this July and that he knows of about six that are anxious and will enter for a purse this Summer if the people will take hold and help the matter along. We should all remember that our county, though young, has sent forth the fastest horse on this coast; and, although he is now dead, Champion Knox has some colts in this county and if they are properly trained some one of his colts may yet beat his time. Therefore we say let the horsemen call a meeting soon and take steps to organize an association and go to work at once and put the track in order and give a purse or purses to be contended for on the 2nd and 3d of July next.

We have no horse but as we claim to be a horseman we will do all in our power to aid the enterprise and in view thereof will allow the GRANT COUNTY NEWS to give in advertising to the association for stock checks \$100. We do not do this for personal gain but to aid our horse raisers in competing with other counties of Eastern Oregon. Let the people speak and the races can be made.

No use to parley with three tracks in this county. But let Canyon City give up her track and let it stand in for the best track there is in Eastern Oregon and in a few years the Mt. Vernon track will be spoken of far and near as a fine track and as supporting some of the fastest trotters in Oregon.

From the sample roast that Messrs. Howard & Cobb, of John Day, sent us this week we should judge that there is plenty of good beef to be had yet. It was free from all bone, gristle, and all other mean matter, and showed that whoever put it up was an expert at the block.

At the School Meeting recently Dr. J. W. Howard was elected Director and E. Hall Clerk. An investigating committee was appointed consisting of Col. Currey, H. R. Sells and M. Dustin.

We omitted to mention last week that Mr. Martin Bonham and wife had returned to the city. His school has closed on Strawberry, and they will take charge of the Canyon City School on the 15th, instant.

The Dean saw mill was burned down on March 1st. Mrs. Dean had sold the mill only a few days previous but the payments were not made. In either case it is a serious loss both to the parties and to the community.

We notice that brush is being hauled and a bulkhead put in the creek near Mr. McFarland's place. This is right and it should be extended on down below Mr. Reynold's house to insure safety.

MR. ALEX MURRAY called on us last Thursday and informed us that they had plowed some this Spring but had to cease for a few days on account of snow. Some few cows had died.

MR. OVERFELT spent several days in town this week and during his visit he informed us that many of his cattle were dying.

MR. JAS. ROBINSON and W. H. Clark have been below for a few weeks past.

A protracted meeting has been in session at the M. E. Church in this city for a week past; no converts as yet.

Miss Frey has been visiting in this city for some time.

ALFALFA.

Alfalfa is a plant which will not bear extreme frost nor superabundant moisture; but on rich soil (it is useless to sow it on any other) its growth is so rapid and luxuriant that no other known plant can be compared to it, it is no sooner mown than it pushes forth fresh shoots and wonderful as the growth of clover sometimes is, in a field that has been lately mown, that of alfalfa is far more rapid.

The land on which it is sown should be free from weeds as possible and plowed deep, it can be sown with barley or oats, but barley is best, it should be cut soon as the flow is formed and in favorable seasons may be cut three or four times.

Alfalfa will grow and thrive about 10 years when it will begin to wear out, and the native grasses get the upper hand of it.

The farmers of this valley should try this profitable grass; it may be difficult to get a good thick stand of it the first year, as it is so easily frosted during that period, but afterwards it becomes more hardy and neither frost nor drought will effect it. It is a mistake that it will take root on dry soils, it must have sufficient moisture to give it a good start the first year after that it will take care of itself, the roots growing downward to a great depth it will therefore keep green when other grasses are dried up and withered.

From eight to ten pounds per acre is required for seed. Farmers try it.

A Letter from North Fork.

NORTH FORK PRECINCT, GRANT COUNTY, OGN., FEB. 13, 1880.

EDITOR NEWS:—By your request I propose to outline this the North Fork Precinct, it being one of the northern tier of precincts. It is bounded on the north by Umatilla county, on the east by Long creek precinct, on the south by the summit of the mount in between the North Fork and the main John Day, on the west by Hay Stack precinct; containing 48 legal voters, 27 having families and having 46 children over four and under twenty years. The school district having the same boundaries as the precinct. The school district being divided so as to accommodate the patrons of the district. There is a school in the Upper or Cottonwood division with an average attendance of fourteen scholars, with William White as teacher.

The farming in this precinct is very limited. But what land there is in cultivation is very productive. Producing a fine quality of peaches, apples, and most all tender vegetables. The residents turn their attention principally to the raising of cattle, horses and sheep. What the people of this section most want is an extension of the present Mail Route from Monument to Lone Rock, which to accommodate quite a number of persons that have to travel from eight to twenty miles for their mail at present or do without.

Yours as ever,
FRANK.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN BONHAM have been engaged to teach the Public School in Canyon City. The Directors could not have done better, and the people will heartily endorse their selection. All we need now to make a success of our Public School is to offer some inducement to our stockmen to send their children here to attend and with a few such scholars to aid the fund a good school can be kept in operation here the year round.

THANKS.—Mr. C. W. Bonham and family desire to thank the people of Canyon City for the energy displayed by them at the fire last Tuesday; also for the kindness shown them that day.

REV. A. BRONGEST delivered a lecture at the court house on last Thursday evening to a crowded house.

THE Sheriff of this county collected \$5,445 taxes in February, 1880.

YANKEE COUGH SYRUP will stop that cough and save you from a consumptive grave. Get it at Dr. Howard's.

A Chamber-maid at the Burton House, in Portland, cow-hided a man named James Keys recently because he said naughty things of her.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Canyon City, March 1st, 1880:

Henry Clary, 2,
James Buffington,
James Bronson,
John Garies,
Michael McNamee,
Annie M. Smith,
Jasper Smith,
John Thomas.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised.

E. HALL, P. M.

ONE E. Lascelles, a school-teacher of Douglas county, has been arrested lately for forging an order of \$58 on the school clerk. Wonder if he ain't the same Eugene Lascelles that tried to raise a breeze in Baker City about three years ago.

The National Democratic Committee selected Cincinnati as the place to hold the next National Convention and the 22d of June is the time set to meet.

An informal ballot resulted—Cincinnati 14, Chicago 10, St. Louis 4, Washington 4, Baltimore 2, Philadelphia, Jackson, Miss., Eugene City, Ogn., and blank one each. A formal ballot resulted—Cincinnati 29, Chicago 8, St. Louis 4, Washington and blank 1 each. The selection of Cincinnati was made unanimously.

A PRINTER's devil was formerly the boy who took the printed sheets from the tympan of the press. Old Moxon says: "They do commonly so black and bedaub themselves that the workmen do jocosely call them devils." The errand boy is now so called because he is the servus servorum of the establishment. The words at one time used to signify a wretched, poor, persecuted, or ill-used creature.

New York World:—"Woodworker, an Indian chief says he never saw a gray-haired Indian in his life, and he has seen some over ninety years old. It is because an Indian has no trouble, no wriment, or anything that way. His wife chops all the wood, builds the fire, goes to market at daylight, stones tramps out of the front yard, and blacks his boots. And he is not tormented by tax collectors, gas, bills, and lightning rod peddlers. Let an Indian start a twenty-four column daily in a six column town to fill a long felt want and his hair would turn gray in one night.

COUNTY COURT will convene last Wednesday.

A New York firm has 43 agents in Iowa buying corn to hold. They now have over 3,000,000 bushels in the cribs.

The M. E. Festival will be given at the residence of Mr. John Herberber, next Wednesday evening. Let all go.

Political Advertisements.

NOTICE.—All political communications from either party, or from any one interested in politics must be accompanied by the cash or the equivalent or said communications will not appear. Remember that the News is as free for one as for the other. It knows no party.

CANDIDATES.—All those who desire to run for office can announce their names through the columns of the News from now till after the county Conventions for ten dollars. Don't be backward gentlemen; let the people know your intention or you may be left out in the cold at the primary meetings.

Announcements.

For the Office of Sheriff.

CANYON CITY, OGN.,
Feb. 19th, 1880.

I respectfully announce myself as a Candidate for the office of Sheriff for Grant County, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention. Very Respectfully,
O. P. CRESAP.

For the Office of Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself as a Candidate for the office of County Treasurer for Grant County, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

W. H. CLARK.
Canyon City, Feb. 19th, 1880.

Wanted.

The people all to know that a safe remedy has at last been discovered for the cure of diseases of the Kidneys and Bladder, made out of Oregon grown herbs. It is no less than the OREGON KIDNEY TEA. For sale by the druggists. Directions accompany each package.

Dr. J. W. HOWARD authorizes us to say that he is having drawers and shelving made preparatory to increasing his stock of drugs; and as his new goods are now ordered he desires all those owing him to make it convenient to pay as much as possible on their bills immediately thereby giving him an opportunity to furnish Canyon City with a Drug Store second to none in Eastern Oregon.

SEED WHEAT.

Farmers desiring seed wheat can purchase the White Australian of the undersigned. It is No. 1 wheat and seeders should secure their seed while it is to be had.

OVERHOLT & MULDRICK.

H. STANISLAWSKY, Practical Watch-maker and Jeweler, is located at Canyon City, Oregon. Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired at short notice and warranted. n324.

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All those who have received the GRANT COUNTY NEWS one year on time will please TAKE NOTICE TAKE NOTICE TAKE NOTICE

That unless they pay their Subscription by the time the year expires the paper will be discontinued to their address.

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APRIL THIRD,
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New Blacksmith Shop,
C.W. Bonham Proprietor,
CANYON CITY, OREGON.

Machinery, Wagons, Buggies, Plows and all kinds of work in my line made and repaired in a workmanlike manner at reasonable prices. Special attention paid to the shoeing of interfering and unruly horses.

I will be found opposite Wood & Church's Livery Stable where horses will be cared for at reasonable rates. Give me a call. C. W. BONHAM.

NEW TO-DAY.

Administrators Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the Estate of Moses Zook, deceased, are hereby requested to call and settle; and all those having claims against said estate will present the same properly vouched for to the undersigned at Prairie City, Grant County, Oregon.

JOHN MARSHALL,
Administrator.

Public School Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Canyon City Public School will open in this city on Monday, March 15th, 1880, with Mr. Martin N. Bonham as Principal, and his wife Mrs. S. C. Bonham, Assistant.

By order of the Directors.
Canyon City, March 5th, 1880.

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of John Manwarring deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will present the same duly verified to me at my residence in Grant County, Oregon, within six months from March 4th, 1880.

SAMUEL FRENCH,
Administrator.

John Day Lodge No. 80, I. O. G. T., meets every Saturday evening at their Lodge Room in Canyon City, Ogn. Visiting members are invited to attend. By order of the Lodge.