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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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N. H. BOLEY,
DENTIST.
Dental rooms first door south of Dr. Howard's Drug Store.
CANYON CITY, OREGON.

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Residence - John Day, Grant County Oregon.

PHIL METSCHAN & CO.

Announce that they have received a full and well assorted Stock of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE, which they offer CHEAP FOR CASH.

Having bought for Cash we are prepared to sell our Goods cheaper than they were ever before sold in this Market.

Canyon City, Jan. 16. 1880.

The cheapest place to buy
PAINTS, OILS, TURPENTINE, GLASS, PUTTY, VARNISHES
And WALL PAPER

Is at Sam. Sired's, opposite the M. E. Church, Canyon City, Oregon. n12t.

HOWARD & COBB,
MEAT MARKET.

JOHN DAY CITY, OREGON.



We keep the best qualities of
VEAL, CORNED BEEF,
BEEF, MUTTON,
PORK, HAM, BACON
LARD, SAUSAGE,
ETC., ETC.

Constantly on hand and for sale at the
LOWEST MARKET RATES.
John Day Oct. 30th, 1879.

Hotels.

N. RULISON, A. H. GROTH.

CITY HOTEL

CANYON CITY, OREGON,

RULISON & GROTH, - - Proprietors

Reg 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.

A fire and burglar proof safe has been placed in the house for the accommodation of guests.

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.

W. W. JOHNSON, 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.

DALLAS 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, Sup't.

CANYON CITY & McDERMIT

STAGE LINE,

FRANK McDERMIT, - - 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.

J. OLLIVER & CO,

Proprietors of the

John Day Milk Ranch

Will furnish the people of John Day and Canyon Cities with milk by the gallon or quart.

We sell the best of milk, and our charges are reasonable.

JOHN WOOLSEY. GEO. HUSMAN.

WOOLSEY & HUSMAN,

CANYON CITY, OREGON.

THE BAR is supplied with pure Wines and Liquors, Beer, Ale, Bitters and Cigars.

FINE BILLIARD TABLES

In the Saloon. Give us a call.

I. X. L.

TOMATOES.

Put up expressly for Family Use, in three pound cans. -

[Warranted, finer, better and cheaper than the Imported Tomatoes.] By G. W. Houston,

Canyon City, Oregon. For sale by Phil. Metschan & Co.,

Gundlach & Bro and the Proprietor.

AN ESSAY,

READ BY MAJOR

JOSEPH MAGONE,

Before the Canyon City Debating Society on Monday Evening, March

29th, 1880.

Many years ago in old England a couple of highly educated gentlemen were conversing upon the deplorable and lamentable ignorance of the laboring masses and the best attainable means within reach for their improvement. The Lyceum or Debating Society naturally suggested themselves to these thinking minds. But how can we arrest the attention of the laborers and get them to take an active part in such organizations? This method was hit upon and it worked like magic:

A society was formed then and there by one of the speakers nominating the other for CHAIRMAN, seconding his own motion and putting it, and declaring the Chairman duly elected. The Chairman performed his duties in a similar manner and the organization was complete. A living question was selected and discussed, a decision rendered in accordance with the weight of argument, another question in which the laborers were particularly interested was selected for the next evening and the morning paper contained a well-written article commenting favorably upon the meeting that had passed and advising mechanics and laborers to be on hand early as a question of vital importance to them was to be discussed at the next meeting by speakers of eminent ability on both sides. Suffice it to say the mechanics and laborers were out in force, the question ably discussed and the meeting pronounced a grand success and the PROJECTORS had good reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that the sons and daughters of honest toil were in a fair way to be lifted to a higher plane through THEIR well chosen methods, the Lyceum or Debating Society. Daniel Webster had the reputation of being a great observer as well as a great lawyer. He taught school in his early manhood and made a note of this important fact from which we may all draw profitable conclusions. "I have found," said he, "that the children whose parents took and read the newspapers were much easier taught and made vastly greater progress than children whose parents did not take and read newspapers." Consequently the newspaper is not only according to this great man's idea an educator of the parents but the children also. I have been something of an observer myself of children of riper years than those Mr. Webster was speaking of and I assert with equal confidence that I never knew a lady or gentleman who has made a practice of attending Lyceums or Debates that has not been benefited thereby and this is especially true of all those who have taken an active part in them either orally or otherwise, in fact there is but one class of citizens that are not more or less improved by the Lyceum and even they are improved in an indirect way by coming in contact with those who do belong to such institutions. I speak of those who absent themselves from such places or attending do so for the purpose of annoying those who are intent on improvement. Some 25 years ago or over I had the pleasure of helping to organize a Debating Society at Grassy Pond School House in Marion County, in this State. The neighborhood was in no sense so far as I was able to detect superior to those by which it was surrounded. All of those communities or neighborhoods believed in schools and nearly all of them took papers and read them. Yet but one of them kept up for a series of years a regular system of debates and that was the Grassy Pond neighborhood. The attrition of minds against mind in due time brought forth its legitimate fruit and a good library be-

came an absolute necessity to that neighborhood. It was purchased and cheerfully paid for by the District and that library brought to some in that neighborhood 40 to others 50 and to others still an hundred fold and to the community at large at least a thousand.

To prove this let facts be submitted for the encouragement of the young boys and men of this city. Mr. Joslyn one of the best speakers to-day that belongs to the Methodist Episcopal conference in this State, and now stationed at Boise got his first start in that neighborhood. Mr. Isaac W. Garret one of the very best school teachers raised in our State, got his start in Profession in that very school house. He was twice chosen to represent his county in the State Legislature and was last Winter Chief Clerk of the Idaho Senate as I went to the States last year, and had been frequently elected as a member of that body. Mr. Kennedy, recent pastor of the Methodist Church, at Baker City, and a distinguished graduate of an Eastern college, got his start in that neighborhood and under the influence of that Debating Society and library. The present Representative in Congress, from Washington Territory, Mr. Thos. Brentz is another young man from the same neighborhood who took his start in that same section and under the auspices of that Debating Society. Mr. F. O. McCown, of Oregon City, its present Mayor, is another notable example of what that library and Debating Society has done for the commonwealth. Mr. Eastman, another promising lawyer of the same City and one of the very best posted men in the State, of his age, made the first speech of his life in that school house before he was ten years old and by the time he was eighteen had read the majority of the works in that library. He attributes his taste for books to that Debating Society. Mr. Benton Killin, of Portland, who was for years a business partner of Judge Shattuck also took his start in that same school house, and he, like all the others, looks back with pleasure and pride to that library and Debating Society as among the chief instrumentalities in their upward tendencies. I could name many others who have made their mark throughout the State who took their start in that humble school house but the above are deemed sufficient for our purpose. Can I say as much for any other neighborhood immediately adjoining where Debating Societies and libraries were conspicuous by their absence. No I certainly cannot, and speak the truth, hence I infer there is a rich and inexhaustible mine of wealth to any community who will foster and encourage from year to year a well regulated Debating Society in connection with their schools and other means of intellectual growth and improvement. But the question comes knocking at the door, how can you keep up the interest in such societies? The answer is plain and easily comprehended. By persons of age and experience lending a helping hand for the encouragement of the young. It is difficult for young persons to fully realize that great advantage is to result to them personally by a constant attendance upon these varied means devised by older heads for their especial benefit. But if the older members of society would constantly favor such measures by their presence and material support the younger members would rarely fail to attend and take an interest in such matters.

To insure success a Chairman should always be a person of ability and age and fully imbued with the true spirit and purport of a society that will reflect credit upon all connected with it. He should at all times rule with firmness, yet kindness, and never, never, no, never allow for one moment the slightest attempt at personalities, such a course would result in evil, and that

continually, until such a society was disbanded and the quicker the better for all concerned. The ladies should always be in attendance, old and young, rich and poor alike, for if such societies are, indeed good, as I claim they are, they are good for all.

And the presence of ladies always enables the presiding officer to discharge his responsible duties with ease and efficiency, without their presence a great deal of precious time is frittered away in useless and idle talk before the legitimate business of a literary society can be entered upon. In conclusion I will simply say to the members of this society and the friends of such enterprises generally, if you have faith in the ideas here set forth, prove your faith by your works hereafter and I am content.

General News.

Vacation in the Oregon City school for one week.

Mr. S. M. Keenan, of Marshfield, has a contract for making 20,000 ties. This will give employment to a good many hands.

The Enterprise asserts that the alleged frauds in the recent school election at Oregon City will receive the attention of the grand jury.

The Deaf Mute school opened at Salem this week under the most flattering prospects. Nine pupils were present at the opening, and a number more have not word that they will join in a few days.

Enoch Long, of Elliot's prairie, Clackamas county, has let a contract for slashing 80 acres of fir brush to "Boss" Chinaman Tong Fot, for \$2.50 per acre, which is very cheap. John Hinkle is also having a lot of slashing done on his farm.

Snake river is slowly rising.

The vault for the new Dayton bank has been completed.

About 200 pupils are in attendance at Coldendale Academy.

The Odd Fellows will build a new brick hall at Walla Walla this Summer.

M. H. Abbott, the veteran Democratic journalist, has removed to Boise City.

A little son of Lawson Cyrus, near Burdville, lost his eye by being struck by an arrow recently.

About 100,000 head of cattle will be driven East from the ranges of Eastern Oregon and Washington Territory this Spring.

A large building for agricultural implements is being erected at Pomeroy. A general activity among farmers is reported.

The Yakima Record says: Nearly all our farmers are now plowing, and judging from indications, as large, it not larger, an area will be sown this season than was last year.

The railroad is bringing 600 tons of coal daily from Newcastle.

The beautifying and fencing of residence lots in Seattle never was so thoroughly being done as at the present time.

The growing of swamp willows for basket purposes has been experimented on by an Olympia man and found to pay well. The manufacture of baskets has been inaugurated and promises well.

The California legislature is in session.

Two little boys at Omaha died from eating wild parsley.

The Kearney case is postponed because Dennis is sick.

The public debt decrease in March was \$14,700,000.

The obelisk has left Egypt and is on its way to New York.

Polk county, Iowa, is for Blaine, if that is of any importance.