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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 to my first door south of Ft. Howard's Drug Store.
CANYON CITY, OREGON.

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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. n12tt.

WOLSEY & HOUSMAN,
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.

McDOWELL & RAN
PROPRIETORS JOHN DAY SALOON,
John Day, Oregon.

The Bar is supplied with pure wines, Liquors, Beer, Ale, Bitters and Cigars. A fine BILLIARD TABLE in the Saloon. Give us a call.

Hotels.

A. H. GROTH, M. V. THOMPSON.
CITY HOTEL
CANYON CITY, OREGON,
GROTH & THOMPSON - Proprietors
Beg 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.

Hotel And Restaurant,

JOHN DAY, OREGON.
WM. H. KELLY, Proprietor.
The Table is supplied with the best the market affords and every attention paid for the comfort of guests. Meals at all hours. Board, \$7 per week, single table 50cts.

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 McEEAN, Proprietor
Departs from Canyon City for Ft. Harney, McDermitt and Winnemucca Daily.
Arrives from same points daily.

1880. SPRING. 1880.

Mrs. James Cleaver would announce to the public that she is just receiving from San Francisco, the finest assortment of Ladies and Misses Hats, ever opened in Grant County, and they will be sold, for cash, at prices that defy competition.

She also keeps a full stock of Embroideries, Laces, Corsets, and Ladies' Underwear, which she sells lower than those who sell at cost and freight—**EXPLANATION, she buys exclusively for CASH.**
The best assortment of Jewelry and Silver Plated Ware ever offered in these mountains. Terms Cash. Call, examine and be convinced.

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FIRST ANNUAL FAIR OR MEETING OF THE GRANT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION,

To be held on the Fair Grounds at Mt. Vernon, on Wednesday, October 13th, 1880.

First Day's Programme.

FIRST—Running Race, half mile heats best 2 in 3 for 3 year olds. Purse, \$50; first horse \$35, second \$15 third saves entrance.

SECOND—Single Dash one mile, free for all 3 year olds. Purse \$50; First \$35, Second \$15, Third saves entrance.

EXHIBIT.

Best Stallion of any age or breed \$25 First \$15, Second \$10, Third saves entrance.

Best Brood Mare and foal \$25; First \$15, Second \$10, Third saves entrance. **Best Bull** of any age or breed, \$25; First \$15, Second \$10, Third saves entrance. **Best Milch cow**; \$25; First \$15, Second \$10, Third saves entrance. Same Day, Annual Address.

SECOND DAY.

RACE—Running mile heats best 2 in 3; free for all. Purse \$75; First \$50, Second \$25. Third saves entrance.

TROTTING RACE—Free for all 3 year olds. Purse \$50; First \$35, Second \$15, Third saves entrance.

WALKING RACE free for all Purse \$50; First \$35, Second \$15, Third saves entrance.

EXHIBIT.

Best span of draught horses by actual test—Premium \$25—First \$15, Second \$10, Third saves entrance.

SHEEP—Best Ram of any age or breed. Premium \$25. First \$15, Second \$10, Third saves entrance. **Best Ewe and lamb**, \$10. Best pen of 5 sheep—Premium \$15—First \$10, Second \$5, Third saves entrance.

Best display of Mechanical works of all kinds. Premium \$25. First \$15, Second \$10, Third saves entrance.

GRAIN—Best bushel of Spring wheat \$5; First \$3, Second \$2. **Best bushel** of fall wheat \$5, First \$3, Second \$2. **Third saves entrance.** **Best bushel** of barley \$5; First \$3, Second \$2, **Third saves entrance.** **Best bushel** of oats, same as Wheat. **Best bushel** of Timothy seed same as grain.

Best 2 lbs of butter with process of making, \$5; First \$3 second, \$2, **Third saves entrance.**

Best loaf of bread with process of making, \$5; First, \$3, Second, \$3, **Third saves entrance.** **Best sack** of flour, \$5; First, \$3, Second, \$2, **Third saves entrance.**

THIRD DAY.

RUNNING RACE, free for all, \$100; First, \$75, Second, \$25. **Third saves entrance.**—Single dash of one mile.

TROTTING.—Best 3 in 5, free for all, \$100; First, \$75. Second; \$25, **Third saves entrance.**

EXHIBIT.

Best boar hog of any breed, \$15; First, \$10, Second, \$5, **Third saves entrance.** **Best sow** and pigs of any breed, \$15, First, \$10, Second, \$5, **Third saves entrance.** **Best lot** of 5 hogs or more, \$15; First, \$10, Second, \$5, **Third saves entrance.** **POULTRY**.—Best pair of chickens, \$5; First, \$3, Second, 2, **Third saves entrance.** **Best pair** of ducks, 5; First, 3, Second, 2, **Third saves entrance.** **Best pair** of geese, 5; First, 3, Second, 2, **Third saves entrance.** **Best pair** of Turkeys, 5; First, 3, Second, 2, **Third saves entrance.** **Best display** of poultry, 5; First, 3, Second, 2, **Third saves entrance.**

VEGETABLES.—Best display of vegetables, \$10; First, 7, Second, 3, **Third saves entrance.** **Best display** of fruit, 20; First, 13, Second, 7, **Third saves entrance.**

Best display of needle work, 10; First, 6, Second, 4.

Best lady equestrian 25; First 15 Second, 10, Third saves entrance.

Entrance in all cases to be 10 per cent. of premium. All entries to be made with the Secretary by 9 o'clock on the day before the exhibit or race.

RULES.

1st. All races shall be run by the rules of the Oregon State Fair. 2nd. Season Tickets, \$2, day tickets, \$1. Ladies free, and boys between the age of 10 and 14 half price.

3d. All members of the Association shall pay an annual fee of \$1, which admits members of their families between the ages of 10 and 16 to the grounds of the association.

4th. The annual meeting of the Association shall commence on the 13th of October, 1880, and continue three days.

5th. The election of officers shall be held on the fair grounds on the second day of the fair.

By order of the board of directors.

B. C. TROWBRIDGE,

PRESIDENT.

W. ARMSTRONG,

Secretary.

GRANT COUNTY.

An Unprejudiced Review of What the Empire Man Saw in a Ten Days' Visit to Canyon City and John Day.

[From T. B. Merry.]

My last letter, if I remember right, left me alighting from the stage at John Day City, where I am still the guest of Dan Reamer and Tony Hacheney. The town is an old one, set clear down to zero until about two years ago, and then began to shoot ahead under the propitious influences of agriculture and stock-raising. It lies on a broad flat between Canyon Creek and the John Day River, which has been cooked over several times by white men and is now being washed out again by Chinese. The picture was odd one to me as I first beheld it, to see these swarming pagans hoisting earth out of their claims by means of spardricks operated by overshot wheels of about 18 feet in diameter. Scarcely a white man can be found at work on these flats, which have paid richer and more continuously than any other placer diggings on the Pacific Coast, but at Marysville, some three miles from here, a hydraulic company is tearing down the vast boulders and rending the hill-sides in search of ore, with fair success. This place has two stores, one kept by the genial and sport-loving Tony Hacheney and the other by Frank McCallum, who is also postmaster. Harry Heppner, who formerly worked in the O. R. N. Co's shop at The Dalles, is the village vulcan. He was in partnership with Dan Reamer until a few days ago, but Dan is about to return to his old home in the Empire State, and hence the dissolution. William Kelly, at one time bar-keeper on the Mountain Queen keeps a neat little hotel and sets an excellent table. Charley Ran and Billy McDowell have a saloon where claret and ice can be had during these heated days. Hank Jarrel keeps a livery and feed stable, from which I have driven out several times with as good wagons and horses as our own town can boast.

But the business feature of the place is a water-mill run by a thirteen-inch turbine wheel and provided with a single run of stone, though its capacity can be double at a trifling expense. It was built under the supervision of Major Joseph Magone for James Norman of this place, who

has now a fine piece of property which will increase in value as the county increases in population.

Canyon City lies up Canyon creek, two miles above John Day, and is just at the very bed rock of its industrial and financial condition. Ten years hence will see it the most flourishing mining town in the entire State of Oregon, in my belief. In my twenty-seven years residence on this coast, I have seen no other placer mining camp that began to last with it. Yreka was worked out in sixteen years, Rabbit creek in fourteen, Horsetown in twelve, LaGrande in eight, Buckeye in ten, Columbia in twelve, Shasta in fourteen and Auburn in sixteen. Look at Canyon City, it is eighteen years last May since gold was struck on Hog Point, and yet Canyon Creek is worked for nearly five miles up and down. My own belief is that Canyon mountain contains the greatest ledge of quartz on this coast, second to nothing in Grass valley or Sutter creek. All the indications go to prove that the rich diggings between Marysville on the one and Blue Gulch on the west are the bed of an ancient river whose course has been changed by volcanic action. The day is not far off when the mining talent of the coast will abandon stock-gambling in the California metropolis and go to work. Then we will hear from the great quartz ledge which fed the still unexhausted diggings about this old and fast decaying town.

The location of Canyon City resembles that of Gold Hill, the southern suburb of Virginia City, Nevada. The buildings are mostly old and show the wear of time, but the old California spirit sticks out through all. It is four bits for a shave and two bits for a drink, just as in San Francisco twenty-seven years ago. Even the cheap and tonic—in fact, I must say Teutonic—beverages of lager beer costs two bits per glass, but I must say it is a superb article brewed upon the Yreka formula. Everything about here partakes of the style of Northern California. Dave Overholt and Phil. Metschan came here from Sierra county; William Southworth and John Wash, who fill the respective offices of Clerk and Sheriff, are former residents of Shasta. Dr. F. C. Horsley, the brother Sels, Robert Lockwood, and a dozen others whose names have slipped my memory just now, came from Yreka. Hence the traveler who comes here need not be surprised at finding a California colony de sui generis planted away up here in these adamantine hills.

My own prediction is that whenever the mother ledge of quartz is found, the old and half ruined town will equal Grass Valley in less than five years. My foundation for this belief is based upon the magnificent water power of Canyon creek, which can be made to run a thousand batteries of five stamps each between Canyon City and John Day town, thus saving at least one dollar per ton on the reduction of ore. Pine wood here costs from \$4 50 to \$8 per cord, the latter being the dead-of-winter figure. Over at Virginia City it goes from 8 to 14 dollars, according to the season, while at Grass Valley the same prices prevail as here. But at neither Grass Valley nor Virginia City, can be found such water power as abounds at this place. Again, at Virginia City, shaft and tunnel timbers cost about 45 dollars per thousand feet, while here they will be delivered on the ground at 18, all you want. Hence my belief is, that whenever quartz is struck on Canyon creek you will see greater dividends on that branch of mining, and lower grades of rock worked with profit, than in any other part of the Pacific Coast.

[Concluded next week.]