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No professional patronage solicited unless directions are strictly followed.

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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. nl2tt.

WOOLSEY & HOUSMAN,
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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
Bag 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 meal 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.
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CANYON CITY & McDERMIT

STAGE LINE,
FRANK McBEAN, - - 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 2 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 all. Purse \$75; First \$50, Second \$25, Third saves entrance.

TROTTER 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.

TROTTER—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.]

With the above mentioned water power for crushing and cheap timber for shafts and winzes, there is a profit of 20 per cent. in rock that will crush five dollars per ton. Grant county has vast ledges of undiscovered mineral and will yet make a good showing. The failure, or temporary embarrassment of the Monumental argues nothing; the best ledges are to-day not only unworked, but undiscovered.

Notwithstanding the cold winters necessarily consequent upon her high altitude, Grant county is getting up quite a reputation in farming and stock raising. The John Day valley is quite fertile, but narrow until about the mouth of Pine creek, four miles above John Day town. Then it widens out into a splendid expanse of rolling country, something like the Unquaga valley at Roseburg, but on a grander and loftier scale. All kinds of vegetables grow here in very high grade, the corn and tomatoes being peculiarly noticeable. Wheat of excellent grade is produced on these bench lands, and I never saw better flour than is produced from the bolting- chests of Norman's mill. Fourteen miles above Canyon City, lies a little village once called Dixie, but now enjoying the more dignified title of Prairie City. It is kept up solely by agriculture and stock breeding, and the Empire has already a half-dozen subscribers there which will be doubled in number before the year is ended.

Grant county probably exported 30,000 head of beeves and sheep in the past year and her stock growers will feel the good of it in different ways. First, it gave them more ready cash than they had in the past five years; second, it gives rest to their overstocked pastures and enabled much of the bunch grass to go to seed, thus guaranteeing improved pasturage for the next two years at least. A better dairy country never laid out of doors, for every gulch is a water-course. In a ten mile ride between John Day town and Indian creek, Saturday last, I was side, beside, with flowing springs that trikeled out of the hillsides all the way. Yet there are few dairymen at work, but those who do make good butter are rapidly getting rich. It is now worth 50 cents

per pound, and often goes to 90 (?) in winter. Spring chickens readily sell for 75 cents each, and turkeys are not to be had at any figure.

Nor is Grant county to be sneered at in the production of horses of fine size and rare quality. Some years ago Wm. Bigham, who was to Oregon what old Uncle Billy Buford was to Kentucky, went East and brought out the thoroughbred stallions, Foster, Luther and George Wilkes. The latter was a chestnut, plentifully sprinkled with gray hairs and was by Asteroid, out of Emma Wright (the dam of Molly Jackson) by Imp. Margrove, who ran the Derby of 1838. This horse Wilkes is bred from the stoutest strains of blood in America, and the only one of his get that has ever been tried is Portia Knight, the best mud-horse that ever saw Oregon, excepting Winter's perhaps. Wilkes is owned by J. J. Cozart, of this county, who is breeding his blooded fillies to trotting sires. He has one two-year-old filly sired by General (Champion) Knox, out of a mare by Dr. Lindsay, and if this big bay filly don't turn out to be a second Lady Thorne, there is nothing in blood or form. P. J. Martin, of Portland, has a three-year-year old by Champion Knox that can beat 2:40 already.

Another great feature of this portion of Grant county is its flow of mineral waters, chief of which are the Soda Springs, situated in the canyon of Silver river some thirty miles from here on the road to Fort Harney. There are two springs, situated about forty feet apart, both bubbling up from the solid rock and highly charged with gas. The upper spring is the more palatable, but the lower contains the greater percent of sodium and chalybeate of iron. The moment I drank it I exclaimed, "why, here's the old pavilion spring at Saratoga." Dr. Horsley and other gentlemen of my acquaintance have also noticed the similarity. For my own part, I have drank Apollinaris water for the past two years greatly prefer this Grant county medicine. Coming back through Bear Valley we came upon a White sulphur spring as strong as those of Calistoga or St. Helena, but cold as ice. I was told that the tube near the springs were used for sheep-dipping. Yesterday I took a bath in the Lime Rock springs twelve miles above here and was never more delightfully refreshed than by this tepid water, which is very much like the Berkeley Springs in Virginia. Indeed I do not know of another spring like it on the Pacific coast. The waste water from this spring is used also by the shepherds for curing the scab, so prevalent at this season. Its temperature is 66 degrees. M.

SMUT WHEAT.

Ed. News:—As much difference of opinion exists as to smutty wheat begetting smutty wheat, I will state positively that it does. This spring, not having sufficient clean wheat to sow the field in full, I used some that was smutty, although I used plenty of vitrol on it; the consequence is, that where the smutty wheat was sown the field shows it very plain; no smut appearing on that part sown with clean wheat. Any person that will take the trouble to visit the ranch known as Dr. Horsley's can see for themselves. I give this information for the benefit of the farming community that they may not be influenced by friends as I was; being told that it made no difference "that smut would not beget smut."

Respectfully,
J. Wm. KING
Prairie City, Aug. 30th. 1880.
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