

**Grant Co. News.**  
Jan. 12, 1888.

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

The Democratic State Central Committee met in Portland yesterday.

Leap year! See "ad." of the party to be given by the ladies of Canyon City on the 27th inst.

A poor old cow got her head fast in the Baker mail sleigh last Saturday night and choked to death.

Ice is being put up for next summer's lemonade. About 10 inches is the depth of the congealed element.

We copy from a Portland paper the statement that Geo. Roubush of Canyon City has been granted a pension.

A report was brought to town that Chas. Reynolds died at Quartzburg, near Prairie City, last Saturday night, and was buried Monday.

Since last week cold weather has come in abundance, and ice-men are jubilant. Sunday morning the mercury marked 26 degrees below zero.

Horses up on Indian creek are suffering from mountain fever. We are informed that Mr. Dan Butler lost a horse a few days ago by this dreaded disease.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the "ad." of the ball to be given by the members of the G. A. R. in commemoration of the birth of Geo. Washington, on Feb. 22.

A club has been formed in Philadelphia to explore ancient Babylon. That is the city, as our readers will remember, where Nebuchadnezzar set up for a duty cow by going to pasture.

Bills to the amount of \$8,229.87 were allowed by the county court at its recent session. This is a creditable showing for the January term. Last year bills amounted to over nine thousand.

United States Marshal Meyers has appointed J. W. Virtue of Baker City as one of his deputies. Mr. Virtue's territory will include the counties of Baker, Malheur, Union, Grant, Wallowa and Umatilla.

Mr. Crinkshank, of Boston, was called Mr. Crinkshank, and has sued for \$20,000 damages. He is more particular about his shanks than most other men, and is also over-sensitive in his orthography.

Stages have been delayed on both the Harvey and Mitchell routes since the snow. The driver from Mitchell encountered high drifts, and almost every patch between here and Dayville was filled level full of beautiful snow.

A policeman on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande was arrested Dec. 28th, for passing Mexican leaden dollars. The penalty for the first offense is suspension of the right hand, the second the left hand, and for the third the prisoner becomes a target for twelve soldiers.

Persons having stock and no hay are beginning to feel blue, and well they might. If this "cold snap" holds on a few weeks the stock loss in Eastern Oregon will be appalling. However, the great beef preserver—the chinook—is liable at any time to come to their rescue with its gentle breath.

Commissioner T. A. McKinnon received a letter from Annie Ly last night, stating that snow was about 78 inches deep on a level in Barry valley. Should it lay on very long the loss of cattle will be great, as thousands of acres of it where cattle usually feed during the winter, were burned over and destroyed last fall.

During the recent storm waves washed over the light house at Tillamook head, 100 feet above the ocean, and broke several pieces of glass. There is likely to be a vacancy in the position of light house keeper at this point. There is not much salary or perquisites to the office, but it is a very thrilling and exciting position during the winter season.

With the short dull days of the early winter come the cheery holidays and Vicks beautiful annuals and lot spring already appears not far distant. In the way of Catalogue, Vicks's Floral Guide is unequalled in artistic appearance, and the edition of each year that appears simply perfect. It surpasses the next best and beautiful engravings, and three colored plates of flowers, vegetables, and grain, are features for the issue for 1888. It is in its 4th issue on horticulture, and adapted to the wants of all who are interested in the garden or house plants. It describes the rarest flowers and the choicest vegetables. If you want to know everything about the garden, see Vicks's Floral Guide, price only 15 cents, including a Certificate good for 10 cents worth of seeds. Published by James Vick, Seedsmen, Rochester, N. Y.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT.**

Commissioners Court adjourned yesterday, the greater portion of the time this week having been taken up in appointing road supervisors, and judges and clerks of the June election. The following is a summary of the business that has been transacted:

A new voting precinct called "Hamilton precinct" was established with boundaries as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Tp. No. 9, SR. 28, E. of W. M., and running east ten miles, thence south to the summit of the Fox Valley mountain, thence in a southwesterly direction to a point due north of the falls on Fox Creek, thence south to the summit of the mountain between Fox Creek and the John Day river, thence in a northwesterly direction along said summit to a point due west of the north line of R. J. Gilmore's farm, thence east along said line to the range line between Tp. 27, 28, E. of W. M., thence north on said line to place of beginning.

G. D. Rickard was granted a license to sell liquors in Canyon City precinct, for the term of six months.

A. C. Dore, sheriff of Grant County, was required to give an additional bond in the sum of \$10,000 before entering on the discharge of his duty as tax collector for the years 1887 and 1888 as by law required.

Road District No. 24 was established between Dog creek and Indian creek.

Road District No. 25 was established on the Malheur river.

In the matter of the proposed county road commencing at Susanville, and running thence to the Long creek and Susanville road, thence to the Baker and Canyon City road near Newton's ranch, the same was declared a public highway.

Road District No. 26 was established on the Middle Fork of the John Day river.

It appearing that it was the best policy to insure the court house against possible loss by fire, the Court ordered that it be insured with E. Hall, agent, in the sum of \$10,000, for the period of three years, and a warrant for \$439.10 was ordered drawn, as premium on said insurance.

**CUPID'S DOINGS.**

The following is a list of the persons who have obtained marriage license at the county clerk's office during the past year, and now walk hand in hand down life's flowery pathway:

**JANUARY.**  
Frank Fleischman and Sarah Johnson; John L. Sullivan and Maggie Montgomery; John Caldwell and Maggie Huskey; Silas B. Hartzell and Laura L. Brooding.

**FEBRUARY.**  
Hiel A. Hyde and S. J. Barkley; Robert Lockwood and Jennie Nunes; Rice R. McHaley and Elizabeth Hubbard; W. A. Gonn and Catherine Fogle; Robert Ray and Annie E. Walls.

**MAY.**  
D. I. Asbury and Mattie Curtis; Chas. Casey and Annie E. Keeney.

**JUNE.**  
H. B. Guernsey and Maggie Sollinger; W. H. Penland and Ruth Reynolds; James Striott and Minnie Crowley; W. W. Armstrong and Leonora Barkley; John Merrill and Ella Russell; J. H. Ward and May Z. Gates; H. L. Williams and Minnie Branch; Richard Williams and Tennessee Dunlap.

**JULY.**  
P. E. Paineboer and Clara Seis; Geo. W. Chambers and L. E. Anderson.

**AUGUST.**  
V. S. Curtis and J. E. Wyatt; R. L. Campbell and M. L. Baker; B. F. Davis and Sarah L. Harding.

**SEPTEMBER.**  
Cal Johnson and I. E. Macy; Geo. Moggan and Mollie Porter; T. G. Dodson and Ettie Russell; R. W. Carter and Lillie F. Murphy.

**OCTOBER.**  
Henry Workins and Jennie McMasters; Herman Wallan and Harriet Wright; James Berryman and Mary E. Starks; R. E. Armstrong and L. M. Stone.

**NOVEMBER.**  
J. E. Geer and Ida Newman; J. Nat Hudson and Amanda Reed; B. McGirr and N. P. Dunlap; Robert Neese and Julia A. Handberg; Geo. L. Rubio and M. A. Studdfield; M. A. Benton and Dora Pollock; W. T. McKern and Edna E. Stone; Rubin Fields and May E. Black; S. D. Foster and M. A. Roberts; Wm. Miller and Eva Good.

**DECEMBER.**  
W. W. Reynolds and Alice Shultz; L. M. Blevins and Cora J. Miller; Geo. Rige and Amy Gillean; R. Nelson and Hannah Anderson; Bryan James and Annie Ward; B. F. Carter and Susie Tucker; John W. Powell and Margaret Trowbridge; Frank Brown and Ida R. Hald; B. C. Trowbridge and Marjory Herburger.

**AMONG THE MINES.**

Interesting News from Quartzburg-- Mines Prosperous.

**THE KEYSTONE MINING CO.**

Has out over one hundred tons of rich ore on the dump. Their vein is from six to twenty inches in width, and they are employing ten men at present. All hands are at work on the Wide West Mine. Their new mill is a five-stamp mill with a concentrator, and is run by water power. As soon as spring opens they intend starting it up.

**THE COLORADO MINE**

Is situated west of the Keystone mine, and Messrs Tenris and Granville are taking out ore on contract for John Laurence & Co. They have out 40 tons of ore on the dump. As soon as the weather will permit they will start up their steam mill. It also has five stamps, and can crush from 6 to 7 tons in 24 hours.

**THE GOLDEN STAR MINE**

Has been leased to Jeff Perry, and he has struck 18 inches of rich ore in the east vein. There are two veins about 60 feet apart. This valuable piece of property is owned by Mr. Robert Lockwood & Co., and will prove to be one of our best mines in the camp. All it wants is development. Mr. Perry seems well satisfied with his good luck in "striking it rich."

**THE ORIENT MINE**

Is owned by Chas. Reynolds, Henry Justin and John Laurence, and has a tunnel on it 340 feet long, and the vein is 4 inches in thickness in the tunnel. They have just struck the vein in the upper tunnel, which is 12 inches in width, and the ore shows free gold and prospects well. They have out 10 tons of ore. In the lower level the vein is from 12 down to 4 inches in width, but it is all pay ore and they are working to a good advantage, and all seem in good spirits.

The snow is three feet deep in this place, and some prospects of having more. In my next letter I will write more about other mines.

**I Remain Respectfully,**

**HONEST MINER.**  
Quartzburg, Jan. 1st 1888.

The reduction works at Portland are refining forty tons of ore per day.

A man in Nebraska has done something new. He was tried for crime, convicted and served a sentence. On his release he has sued his lawyer for \$30,000 for malpractice.

President Cleveland's message has stirred up the dry bones and the tariff question is being thoroughly agitated and discussed throughout the land. The pros and cons are at it with sleeves rolled up, and we may safely say that the campaign for 1888 has actually commenced.

A number of young people recently decided to put wedding cake under their pillows at night, and we are informed that they dreamed of the following: 1 Of her grandmother; 2 Of a snake swallowing a man; 3 Of an elephant skipping a rope; 4 Of a runaway team; 5 Of a railroad accident; 6 Of a murder; 7 Of a fight between made cats.

They have a queer way of administering justice in California. A few days ago it was discovered that a wealthy prisoner who had been sentenced to jail by the United States court for twelve months was boarding at the leading hotel in San Jose. He goes riding every day and spends weeks without surveillance at the duck-shooting grounds of his club, fifteen miles from the city.

Through carelessness in the direction 18,000 letters per day reached the dead letter office this year. Of the whole 5,000,000, money was found in 17,745 amounting to \$28,787. Negotiable paper amounting to \$7,644,486 was found in 52,226. Then there was job lots of books and merchandise, and in 103,778 letters there were postage stamps enclosed. Nearly all the money and commercial paper was returned to the senders.

Three of the largest railroad companies in the United States are now pushing lines westward with the intention of coming to the coast. The Chicago & North-western has its terminus this winter in Central Wyoming, west of Fort Fetterman; the Missouri Pacific completed its road into Cheyenne, Wyoming, last week; and the Manitoba road will be completed to Butte, Montana, this winter. As now headed, these roads will all pass through Idaho and Eastern Oregon. In their onward march to the coast the fertile fields and rich mines of this section are in sharp contrast with the sterile wastes of Wyoming.

**MT. VERNON NEWS.**

Being some time since I have seen anything from this part of the country I thought I would let you know how we are getting along.

Times are lively now and every thing is lovely.

Miss Jessie Booth arrived at her stepfather's yesterday.

Messrs. Walter Damon and William Robertson were down from Prairie City and took in the New Years dance at Wes. Lemons.

There is some talk of erecting a new schoolhouse at the mouth of Moon creek next spring, as the present one is almost ready to tumble down.

Stockmen are feeding some and if this snow lays on very long hay will be scarce in the spring as it was last year. Although stock looks much better than they did this time last winter.

We have had two Christmas trees and two dances in this vicinity, and there will be another dance at the Pavilion on the 31st, under the management of W. A. Gonn & Co., who are fixing up the hall and intend to make things comfortable. A good time is expected.

There was a shooting match at Mt. Vernon on the 31st ult. The choices were won by the following parties: 1st choice, Boss Preacher Aldrich; 2nd choice, Jim Geary; 3rd choice, H. McKee; 4th choice, Doc Chamberlain, per McKee; Bill Geary and Walt Fielding got tangled on the "hide the boys at the Lower Ranch" are thinking of making a wooden man for the "Boss Preacher" to talk to, as they don't think they will be able to bear the strain.

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Jan. 7th, 1888. Loui.

Pat Mulcare is reported to be dangerously ill at his home west of town.

Dick Rickard is repairing the "Red Front," and expects his stock of liquors in from the railroad in a few days.

The president is preparing a message to congress on general subjects, including the Pacific railroads, fisheries and the Chinese.

A Nevada ranchman, to protect his cattle from the effect of blizzards, has painted them all with a mixture of tar, red clay and linned oil.

**University of Oregon.**

The board of regents at its last annual meeting designated a room in which to establish a museum. People in all parts of the state are respectfully requested to aid in building up the museum by sending specimens that are interesting and instructive. The articles received will be classified, labeled with the names of the contributors, and carefully preserved. All the express companies doing business in the state have generously proposed to transport articles free of charge. Weight of any one article not to exceed twenty-five pounds. Address University of Oregon, Eugene City, Oregon.

The finest Candies, Nuts and Cigars in Grant county for sale at the Red Front Front Billiard Parlor, Canyon City.

Many petitions are being presented to the Washington territory legislature asking the re-enactment of the woman suffrage law, but exempting women from jury duty.

The Chinese regard the eye of a cat as an infallible indicator of the time of day. They go by the contraction and expansion of the pupil of the eye, which is influenced by the approaching or receding strength of the sunlight.

A mushroom plantation has been established in a disused railway tunnel at Edinburgh. The mushroom beds occupy about 800 yards of the tunnel, the total length of which is about three quarters of a mile.

President Diaz, of the Mexican Republic, favors permitting citizens of the United States to colonize Lower California. General Pacheco, Minister of public works, opposes the scheme. He distrusts Americans and refers to Texas and its annexation to this government as a precedent.

They don't think much of drunkards in some of the Austrian provinces where a person torries with the cup too long is treated as a criminal and fined \$20 and sent to jail for two months. After being convicted of three times the torer is forbidden to frequent drinking places and is subject to heavy penalties for violating the law. They think still less of them in this country for not having the twenty dollars.

A romance in real life, with the saddest sequels has woven itself through the career of Hon. E. B. Taylor, Garfield's successor in congress. In the days of their youth love were betrothed, but soon after separated by a lover's quarrel; the estrangement was final, and they each married another, and thus lived for a generation. But at last each was single again, and the old lovers united their destinies about one month ago and came to the capital. Last week an unknown lady was found alone and unconscious on a street of Washington. She was taken to a hospital and died before being identified. What an unhappy fate for a bride of but one brief month. This true sorrowful story reads like a chapter of fiction.—Washington cor.

Born, at Prairie City, Jan. 9, 1888, to the wife of W. H. Johnson a son,

Bill Nye occasionally stumbles upon some thing closely resembling a truth, the following being an example: "A paper has a great number of opportunities for jumping on a wrong with both feet, while the gentleman who furnishes the information conceals himself in a cyclone cellar that opens with a time lock."

**NEW THIS WEEK.**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Land Office at La Grande, Oregon.  
Jan. 4, 1888.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Grant county, at Canyon City, on February 15, 1888, viz: JOHN ELLIOTT, M. McKee, D. T. Tild for the N. half NE. quarter, SW. quarter NE. quarter and SW. quarter SE. quarter Sec. 20, Tp. 14, S. 8 E. 2, W. 4.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: W. J. Geary, E. T. Ahlers, W. A. Gonn, J. C. Moore, all of Mt. Vernon, Grant Co., Oregon.  
HENRY BINEHART, Register.

**A GRAND LEAP-YEAR BALL!**  
—Will be given by the—  
*Ladies of Canyon city,*  
—at the—  
**Court House,**  
Friday Evening, January 27, 1888.  
**SUPPER AT GROTH & THOMPSON'S.**  
**COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:**  
Mrs. C. W. Bonham, Mrs. Peter Kuhl, Mrs. C. W. Parrish,  
Mrs. E. H. Horsley, Mrs. W. S. Southworth.  
**COMMITTEE ON INVITATION:**  
Miss M. L. Douthitt, Miss Lilly Overholt, Miss Annie Metschan,  
Mrs. H. Guernsey, Miss Rovie Swank.  
**COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION:**  
Miss M. Horsley, Mrs. J. Sollinger, Miss M. Swank, Mrs. W. Miller.  
**FLOOR MANAGERS:**  
Miss M. Overholt, Miss Ella Seis, Miss Bee Gage, Miss W. Parrish.  
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No. 78, A. O. U. W.  
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