

LOCAL BREVITIES.

China New Year. The season of Lent began yesterday. See change in Gundlach & Bro's ad. this week. Spring weather, causing the air to be very exhilarating. Joshua Scholes is lying very low at his ranch, with the typhoid fever. A marriage license has been issued to W. W. Looney and Minnie E. Gallagher. Died, At their home on Pine creek, in the Malheur country, the wife of Robt. Keeton. The G. A. R. ball supper next Wednesday night will be served at Cobb's Hotel, in John Day. Thos McEwan was over from Baker during the week on legal business connected with the Todd estate. Should the weather remain favorable work in the Humboldt placer mine will be commenced in a short time. Valentines, comic and sweet, were distributed through the post-office. The editor failed to receive one of any kind. Everybody attend the grand ball to be given by the "old soldier boys," at John Day next Wednesday evening, Feb 22nd. Joe Combs has sold the Canyon-Monument stage line to Sam Morgan. Sam will be the next man to get wealthy carrying the U. S. mail. Miss Alice Wilson, sister of Mrs. John Fisk, has been dangerously ill at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fisk, but is now convalescing. Minot Austin, who went to Medford, Jackson county, a few months ago, returned last week, bringing with him a wife, formerly Miss Linda Edwards, to whom he was united in marriage on January 22nd. Advice from the Malheur are to the effect that McElla has lost about 500 head of sheep and two horses this winter. Snow is pretty well off the hills, but throughout the valley there is considerable yet. In the "call" to the Democratic Central committee last week, it should have read, "making the apportionment of delegates from each precinct," instead of "making the apportionment." Correction made in this issue. Quite a novelty is a Ladies' Cornet Band, but such has been organized in Prairie City. A grand ball will be given for the benefit of the organization on the evening of Feb. 24th, the ad. of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. On or about April 4th, Thos McEwan, administrator of the estate of B. J. Todd, will sell some valuable mining property situate on the North Fork, and known as the "Looney & Todd" diggings. A large amount of pipe and other apparatus is to be sold, and this will be a good investment for some mining man. Prospecting still goes on up the creek on the big ledge. Raision & Keller have run a tunnel, and are in the hill about forty feet, but have not yet tapped the main ledge. The air, however, is one which assays well, and are confident that for 100 feet in width the rock will pay to work. Indications are good, as the formation is horn-blend. Capt. J. T. Mael has sent in his resignation, as captain of Co. "F," which has been accepted. The company will in all probability be disbanded. It is a pity, too, for Grant county pays her share of the military tax, and we ought to maintain a company and get some of it back. But there are obstacles in the way, and no one has sufficient time to devote, nor money to advance toward securing the necessary equipments. Revs. Wood and Hayes will deliver three lectures on "Baptism," in the M. E. church, at John Day, next week, as follows: On Monday, Feb. 20th, at 7 o'clock, P. M., "Christian Baptism, its nature, design, obligation and relation to the Lord's supper," by Rev. E. Hayes; Feb. 21st, at 7 P. M., "Mode of Baptism, Historical and Biblical," by Rev. J. H. Wood; Feb. 22nd, at 7 P. M., "Infant Baptism," by Rev. E. Hayes. All are invited. Capt. A. W. Waters and Robt. Terrell passed through here on their way home from Salem during the week. These gentlemen, while at the Capitol, presented affidavits and documents to Gov. Penoyer, from settlers of Harney valley, showing the evils to which they are subjected on account of the swamp land swindles, and it is evident that something will be done in the matter for the benefit of settlers. Gov. Penoyer will use his influence on the side of right, and in behalf of those who have settled upon the lands in good faith.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Wm. Luce, we have been presented with a copy of the "City Journal," a three-column paper published here away back in 1869, edited by R. H. J. Comer, and published semi-occasionally, and run in the interest of the settlers, and in opposition to the Dalles Military Road and land monopoly. Among the advertisements we see the professional card of C. H. Miller, or "Joaquin," as the famous poet is better known. He was at that time County Judge. For the benefit of those who were not here then we copy a few extracts, which may call to the memory of some the good old days of long ago, when people were compelled to be neighborly because of their isolated condition from the rest of the World, and when hostile Indians made the existence of miners and prospectors extremely hazardous. We copy: On July 1st \$1,501.97 was in our County Treasury. Mr. D. D. Thompson and surveying party are at present at the head of the valley. Mr. John R. Roy, long the P. M. of this city, has been superceded by Major W. V. Rinchart, and the Post Office removed to the San Francisco store. Dr. Horsley, of this city, having occasion to visit San Francisco, reached there in five days and a half, via the C. P. R. R. It might be well for the O. S. N. Co., and others interested to note this down. Poor Lo has been in this neighborhood again, and driven off eleven head of horses. They took them to Elk creek and pawned them for \$35. The Indian Agent at Umatilla had better keep his Siwash at home, or some of them may have to take a Galena pill administered by a Henry Repeater. The following is an exhibit of the land occupied in John Day valley by farming, not including the several settlements on its various tributaries: Whole number of claims, 80. Acres fenced, 9,064; cultivated, 3,408. Three largest claims fenced, 400, 250 and 200 acres. Average size, 103 acres. By the above it will be seen that Grant county, in 1869, was not cut up and divided into beautiful farms as she is to-day. Where now stand peaceful and happy homes, then the dusky Siwash held full sway, and could they but catch some bold prospector a few miles from camp his scalp would hang in some chief's wickiup in due course of time. But with all the changes that have taken place in the county, socially and otherwise, there is a remarkable similarity in the prices of the necessaries and luxuries of life to-day and of that time. Then everything had to come by slow freight and by way of The Dalles. The following is a comparison of a few articles: Coffee, per lb., 1869—26¢. " " 1888—25¢. Kerosene, per gal., 1869—\$1.12 @ \$1.25. " " 1888—\$1.00. Beans, per lb., 1869—11 @ .14. " " 1888—12 @ .14. Butter, " 1869—45 @ .50. " " 1888—50. Eggs, " doz., 1869—50. " " 1888—50. Soap, " box, 1869—\$3. @ \$3.50. " " 1888—\$3. Greenbacks were worth only 72 and 73 cents on the dollar. Gold dust was \$14 and \$16.75 per ounce, and county scrip 90 to 95 cents on the dollar. Greenbacks have taken a considerable raise, but most everything else is just the same as when freight from The Dalles was from 6 to 10 cents per pound. The old relic, the "City Journal," we prize very highly. It now occupies a place in the News, curio collection, and is a good reminder of pioneer days. Fred Zwicker came over from Baker County this week, and reports lots of snow over there. The Willamette valley expects a boom in real estate next summer. In Eastern Oregon we do not want a boom. What is needed is an immigration that comes to seek homes, not to invest in lands for speculative purposes. The ruling of the postoffice department that printed matter beyond the name and the address of the sender of the postoffice package shall not be printed on the wrapper has been rescinded by act of Congress, and now a man can paste his picture or any disfiguring images on the outside of any postoffice package he pleases. Some of the counties in Nevada impose a license on sheepmen who drive large bands of sheep through the county. Such a law is needed in this county. Every summer sheepmen from Morrow and Umatilla counties drive their herds into Grant county, and of course they "pass through," and wherever they go the range is totally ruined. Could we but have such a law it would protect our own stockmen and tax-payers.

LONG CREEK CORRESPONDENCE. Long Creek, Feb. 9th, 1888. Ed. News: A few Long Creek items in the county paper would not be amiss. Mrs. Joe Keeney, who has been under the weather for some time, is slowly regaining her health. Ed Woodall has his ice-house plum full, which will be a God-send in the hot days to come. Lawyer Clough has gained a host of admirers by his able speech before Justice Branson. Mr. Henry Blackwell is making preparations to start work in his mining claim in Fox Valley in a short time. Everybody seems to be busy plowing, and the blacksmith shops are pushed with work sharpening and relaying plows. Mr. M. Dustin, of your city, delivered a temperance lecture here last Sunday evening. Mr. Joe Keeney is plowing up the track and sowing it in grain. Have no idea what the town will do to get a track for the races. Mrs. Hardisty, who has been in Portland for the past three months returned in restored health, and was welcomed by a host of friends. Charley Dustin claims to be the champion chess player in Long Creek. Have you anybody in Canyon who can beat him? [Bet your boots we have] Joe Royer says he was not fool- ed at the "Old Maid's sale," at the church festival, but that he bought Woodall to keep him from falling into worse hands. Cattle and sheep have wintered well. The heaviest loser that I have heard of is Mr. Scroggins, who lost about thirty head of sheep since the snow went off. There is talk of petitioning the County Court to build a bridge across the John Day on the Long Creek and Arlington road. It is greatly needed, and ought to be granted. Mr. Tillard, who has been employed at Patterson's Mill for about six months, has concluded to move to Pendleton. The host of friends he has made are sorry to lose him, but bid him God-speed. Tom Williams, who shot at "Pete," was put under \$3,000 bonds. Pry Wilson and George Rader say he should get twenty thousand dollar bonds if it were necessary. They went on his bonds at once. Wm. Page arrived in town on his way home from Salem Tuesday night. In Wisconsin a sort of second-rate politician is expressively called a "nine spot." An elephant lives 400 years, a whale 300, a camel 40, and a candidate for office never dies. The late lamented legislature of Washington Territory voted away for various measures over \$650,000 of the dear people's money. John Fisk announces himself in this week's News as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. Hugh Smith, who was accompanied by his brother Charley to the Willamette Valley, on a visit to relatives, returned home on Tuesday's stage. Charley will remain below a short time. The editor of the News accepted an invitation to be present at the wedding of Mr. Wm. Mox and Miss Bernie Mosier last Thursday evening. The ceremony was performed by Wm. Miller, J. P., at his office, a few being present. A carnival chief in Madagascar ate up an English missionary and died an hour after. Two funerals were therefore necessary. The body of the distinguished cannibal was first taken to the mission chapel, where the English burial service was performed on him. This was for the missionary inside. Then the natives took the body and had a celebration with it all night. This was for the cannibal outside. Some two or three years ago Hank Vaughn and Doc Whitely were indicted for assaulting Dick Stewart, but when the time for trial came Stewart was not on hand to prosecute. Thus the case went over two or three times, and finally dismissed. Last evening Stewart was brought into court and not being able to satisfactorily account for his absence was fined \$150 and the cost of the proceeding, and it was ordered that he be committed until the same be paid. It served him just about right.—E. O. A city at the bottom of the sea was seen towards the end of October, near Treptow, in Prussia, when a powerful South wind blew the waters of the sea away from shore, uncovering a portion of ground usually hidden from sight by the waves. It was the ruins of the city Reganucine, once a flourishing commercial station which was swallowed up by the sea some five centuries ago. The usual spectacle was enjoyed but for a few hours, when the storm slackened and the waves returned to cover up a place which had once been the residence and field of labor of busy men.

Notice to Company "F." HEADQUARTERS OREGON NATIONAL GUARD. ADJUTANT GENERALS DEPARTMENT. Portland, Feb. 7th, 1888. Special Orders Extract No. 3. I. The resignation of Capt. J. T. Mael, "F." Co., 3d Regt., O. N. G., is hereby accepted, to take effect from this date. By order of Governor Penoyer. J. C. SHOFNER, Adjutant General. A CALL. To the Democratic Central Committee of the county of Grant Greeting: You are requested to meet at the Court House, in Canyon City, Oregon, on Saturday, the 25th day of February, 1888, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of fixing a time for the holding of the County Convention; making the apportionment of delegates for each precinct and disposing of such other business as may be presented for your consideration. A full attendance is earnestly requested. Those who cannot attend in person should be represented by proxy. ROBERT LOCKWOOD, Chairman. Dated this 4th day of February 1888. NOTICE. The undersigned having purchased the interest of Stansell Bros. in the Sash & Door Factory, in Canyon City, desires to inform the public that he is prepared to furnish anything in his line for Cash. Call and inspect stock, and learn prices. 47-11 F. J. BUTZ. Sheriff Dore arrived from Salem last Sunday evening. Oregon was admitted as a state on Valentine's day, 1859—twenty nine years ago. Only two missionaries were eaten in Africa last year. This accounts for the rumors of a scarcity of food in that country, but it is cheerful for the missionaries. Scientists assert that the newly discovered cities of Arizona are the same as sought by Cortez and the early Spanish adventurers in their expeditions after gold. The cities are seven in number and show evidences of former civilization and wealth. A bark loaded with steel rails for the O. R. & Co., was wrecked about ten miles North of Greys Harbor a short time ago. She sighted the bar Jan. 23d and took on a pilot, Chas. Johnson. This iron vessel was the Aberdeen. Was built in Glasgow, and has made several successful voyages to these parts before this. Her crew and the pilot twenty-six men were lost with the exception of two men and a boy who were saved by the Indians. An inquisitive paper wants to know why western hogs should be salted with taxed salt when salt is free for New England cod-fish? And, sure enough, why? What has the New England cod-fish ever done that he should be favored any more than the western hog? The worthy animal that furnishes ham, sausage, short ribs, mess pork, and the breakfast bacon certainly deserves better of the country than the fish that furnishes the codfish ball. The hogs should hold a free salt convention and protest against this outrageous discrimination. FOR SALE. About 150 head of cattle, more or less. Our stock averages well for age, breeding, and particularly in gentleness, and are the most desirable bunch of stock for a beginner to start with of any in the County to be bought. Have been well wintered, and will sell them reasonable for cash, before we turn them out on the range. Apply at our store for particulars, or address Geo. Gendlach & Bro. Canyon City, Or. FOR SALE. I, the undersigned, wishing to remove to Baker City, offer for sale my Blacksmith Shop and Stock of Hardware, and also Dwelling House, very cheap. Any one wanting a good shop in Prairie City can get a great bargain. Also, what time I stay here, I will sell Hardware and Work very cheap, for Cash. All knowing themselves indebted to me must call and settle at once. G. W. McConn. Prairie City, Or., Nov. 20, 1887.

CONGRESSIONAL. A novel sight was witnessed at Robeson's Ferry on Snake River one day last week just after the breaking up of the ice. First was observed a cow standing on a large section of ice and floating down stream; then in a few moments followed a deer, solitary and alone, on another chunk; and lastly followed a large steer with his body in the water and his head and feet resting upon a slab of ice with fear depicted in his eyes. They were all headed for a warmer climate and probably have reached the Pacific Ocean ere this—dead or alive. Candidates now and then throw over the bar to treat their friends. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATORS SALE. The undersigned Administrator of the Estate of J. W. Church, deceased, pursuant to order of the Court, will sell the personal property belonging to said Estate, including furniture, kitchen utensils, wearing apparel, stoves, carpets and all the articles of the personal property of the said J. W. Church, deceased, at public auction; at the store house of F. C. Sells, known as the old saloon building, one door South of the post office in Canyon City, Oregon, on Thursday, the 1st day of March, A. D., 1888, at 1 o'clock P. M., of said day. Dated this, 14th day of Feb. 1888. THORNTON WILLIAMS, Administrator. Important to Sheep Raisers. I will prosecute every violation of the law that comes under, or is brought to my notice from this date. My deputies will please take notice and do the same. A word to the wise is sufficient. John Day, Oct. 12, 1887. J. C. LUCE, 301f Inspector for Grant Co. Dissolution Notice. Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing between John Silvers and A. J. Smith, in the stock business in Grant county, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All company bills prior to October 15th, 1887, will be paid by John Silvers, who will collect all accounts made prior to that date. John Day, Grant Co., Oregon, October 15th, 1887. JOHN SILVERS, A. J. SMITH. H'DES & FURS! I will pay the highest market price for Deer and other hides. W. H. CLARK, 281f Canyon City, Or. Senator Dolph has reported to the senate a bill from a committee on public lands which provides for the issuing of patents to certain persons as donation claims in Oregon and Washington territory. Commissioner Sparks drove a number of communities in Oregon and Washington territory into consternation by holding for cancellation a certain class of donation claims. In one county in Oregon alone there are forty cases in which claims under the ruling of the late commission, have been held for cancellation. In Oregon and Washington there several hundred cases of a similar character. The bill provides that in cases where widows or single women settled upon public lands in Washington, claiming donation rights under acts of congress, and who have since occupied and improved unimproved such claims, and there being no adverse claims thereto, that patents shall be granted to them. Congress passed an act in 1852, granting to widows, and another in 1854, granting to orphans, the right to take donation claims. Sparks ruled that widows whose husbands died on their way to Oregon were not to take claims, and that orphans whose parents died on their way to Oregon, or after reaching Oregon and before settling upon public lands, were not entitled to a donation. FAST FREIGHT. W. C. Smith, Proprietor. On and after the first day of December I will haul freight at the following figures: On all packages from Baker City to Prairie, John Day or Canyon City: 100 lbs. Per lb. 3 1/2 cents. 500 " " " 3 " " 1,000 " " " 2 1/2 " " Over 1,000 lbs. " " 2 " " I will pay advance charges at Baker City and collect same on delivery. Flour and Coal oil for sale, and will pay Cash for hides and pelts. All orders sent to Baker in care of S. A. Heilner or the Pacific Express Co., will be promptly attended to. W. C. SMITH. From all quarters the weather reports are of a more encouraging character and it is safe to say that old man Winter is on his last pins.

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