

REPUBLICAN CO. CONVENTION.

The Republican Voters of Grant County will please meet at the usual place of V. Ting in their respective precincts on Saturday, the 31st day of March, 1888, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican County Convention, which will be held at the Court House in Canyon City on Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M. By order of the County Central Committee,
A. B. RINEHART, Sec'y.
M. E. STANSSELL, Chairman.

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Pursuant to call, the Republican Central Committee, for Grant County, State of Oregon, met at the Court House, in Canyon City, on the 12th day of March, 1888, at 2 o'clock P. M., and was duly called to order by M. E. Stanssell, permanent Chairman of said Committee.

On motion, D. B. Rinehart was elected Sec'y of said meeting.

Upon call of roll the following precincts were found to be represented:

Canyon City, M. E. Stanssell; John Day, John C. Luce; Marysville, D. B. Rinehart; Union, M. Howell; D. B. Fisk, proxy; Long Creek, S. F. Branson; J. C. Luce, proxy; Burns, W. W. Johnson; Phil Metchan, proxy.

On motion it was ordered that the following named persons present be authorized to represent in this meeting, and cast the vote of the following named precincts, as set opposite their respective names, as follows:

Bear Valley, M. G. Pierson.
Hay Stack, F. C. Seals.
Harney, A. W. Waters.
Silvies Val., Ed. Buckley.
Middle, J. S. Haptonstall.
Drewsey, John Laurance.
South Fork, J. D. Sutherland.
Granite, C. W. Parrish.
Rock Creek, Charles Luce.

On motion C. W. Parrish, J. C. Luce and Phil Metchan were appointed as a committee to arrange a basis and make an appointment of Republican delegates for the different precincts of the county.

The basis of representation is one delegate for every precinct, and in addition thereto one delegate for every 25 votes or fraction of over 25 in each precinct at the last Congressional election for Hon. Huger Herrmann, and that the longer the following be the apportionment of representation, to-wit:

Precinct	Votes	Delegs
Canyon City	69	4
Marysville	23	2
John Day	67	4
Union	113	6
Oliver	6	1
Wash. Spring	9	1
Granite	11	1
Long Creek	52	3
Fox	45	3
North Fork	17	2
Hay Stack	26	2
Sho. Fly	28	2
Mountain Creek	16	2
Rock Creek	4	1
South Fork	23	2
Middle	24	2
Roosevelt	17	2
Silvies	11	1
Drewsey	45	3
Harney	77	4
Burns	69	3
Camp Harvey	6	1
Alford	5	1
Catlow	—	1
Hilton No. 1	32	2
No. 2	9	1
Diamond	new	1
Snowville	—	1
Hemlock	—	1
Bear Valley	—	1
Waterman	—	1

Total representation 62.

On motion it was ordered that the Republican Primary meetings for Grant County, Oregon, be held at the usual place of voting in the respective precincts, on Saturday, the 31st day of March, 1888, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, and that the Republican County Convention be held at the Court House, in Canyon City, on Thursday, the 5th of April, 1888, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day.

On motion it was ordered that no delegate vote more than one proxy in said convention.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be furnished the Grant County News, Long Creek Eagle and Harney Items, for publication.

On motion the meeting adjourned, sine die.

M. E. STANSSELL, Chairman.
D. B. RINEHART, Sec'y.

BEAR VALLEY SNOWFLAKES

Bear Valley, March 7th, 1888. Syncretic Primaries the 20th. About two inches of snow.

Our friend Mr. Hopper has returned from Mr. Ditz's, where he has been engaged in splitting wood.

I have just learned what's the reason our friend G—S—has not been to any more of our dances since these weeks ago. It is said that he got too much rum and has not got over it yet, but we hope and trust that he will be able to be at the next one.

PUMPKIN HUSKER.

R. Ward shipped and fell one day last week, cutting his wrist very seriously on a piece of broken bottle.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Order No. 1. Report of Allen Porter, supervisor of road district No. 10, was heard and approved.

Order No. 2. Report of Roland Hanks, supervisor of district No. 21, heard and approved.

Order No. 3. Report of Wm. McButt, supervisor of district No. 11, heard and approved.

Order No. 4. In the matter of the county road commencing on the county road leading from Long Creek to Susanville, at the S. E. corner of the S. W. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 10, Tp. 10, SR. 30, thence running South one and three-fourth miles, thence in an easterly direction about 1/2 mile to the sawmill of J. J. Patterson, the same was declared a public highway.

Order No. 5. Report of J. Sturtevant, supervisor of district No. 12, was heard and approved.

Order No. 6. John B. Jackson, constable of Long Creek precinct, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Henry H. Davis appointed constable of said precinct, in place of Mr. Jackson, resigned.

Order No. 7. Bonds of road supervisors of districts No. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 15, 21, 23, 24, and 25, were approved.

Order No. 8. Report of W. S. Carson, supervisor of road district No. 5, James Wickiser, district No. 16, James Diffin, district No. 13, and D. M. Stallard, district No. 22, were heard and approved.

Order No. 9. In the matter of the petition of S. F. Branson and fourteen others for the location of a county road commencing at the sawmill of Frank Water, running thence in a northerly direction to a point as near the forks of Long Creek as practicable in Sec. 17, Tp. 10, SR. 31, thence by the most practicable route to the center of Sec. 13, Tp. 10, SR. 30, thence by the most practicable route following subdivision lines to the N. E. corner of said Sec. 13, thence West one-half mile, thence North one-half mile to the center of Sec. 11, in Tp. 10, thence West three-fourths of a mile to the S. W. corner of the S. E. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 11, Tp. 10, SR. 30, T. J. Serogins, S. G. Harris and C. S. Dustin were appointed viewers and J. H. Neal surveyor.

Order No. 10. In the matter of the petition of C. C. Small and 22 others for the location and survey of a county road from the S. E. corner of the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 28, Tp. 20, SR. 33, and ending at the S. W. corner of S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 31, on Tp. line between 32 & 33, W. B. Carter, Wm. Phillips and D. H. Smith, were appointed viewers, and J. H. Neal, surveyor.

Order No. 11. In the matter of establishing a new voting place in Drewsey precinct, it was ordered that the precinct be divided on section line between Sections 23 and 34, Range 34, with polling place at school house in district No. 40, to be known as polling place No. 2, in Drewsey precinct, polling place No. 1 to be at the school house in Drewsey city. It was further ordered that Wm. Mosker, J. F. Morrison, and David Miller, be appointed Judges of election of polling place No. 2, and S. N. Miller and J. Sturtevant appointed Judges of election, and the judges and clerks heretofore appointed for Drewsey precinct to serve as such judges and clerks of polling place No. 1.

Order No. 12. In the matter of establishing a precinct to be known as Waterman precinct, it was ordered that a voting place be established in Grant County, to be known as Waterman precinct, bounded as follows: Commencing on the North Fork of Foppiano creek, where the division line of Grant & Crook counties cross said creek, thence down said North Fork of Foppiano creek to the junction of the North and South Forks of said Foppiano creek to Mountain creek, thence down Mountain creek to Rock creek, thence down Rock creek to the John Day river, thence down the John Day river to China Hat, thence along the line between Mountain and Sho. Fly precincts to the place of beginning, and it is further ordered that L. L. Barnhouse, Adolph Straube and Charles E. Ends be and are hereby appointed judges of election in said precinct, and Wm. F. Bush and Wm. Wells clerks of election in said precinct.

Order No. 13. Tucker & Carson of Prairie City, were granted a license to sell pigstons for the period of six months.

Order No. 14. Hartley & Banzet, of last above named precinct, granted a license for one year.

Order No. 15. Ordered that a voting precinct be established in Diamond Valley. Boundaries of same will be fixed at the next term, May, 1888.

Order No. 16. Voting place of Harney precinct was established at the school house in Harney City, until further ordered.

Order No. 17. J. W. Waterman was appointed supervisor of district No. 7.

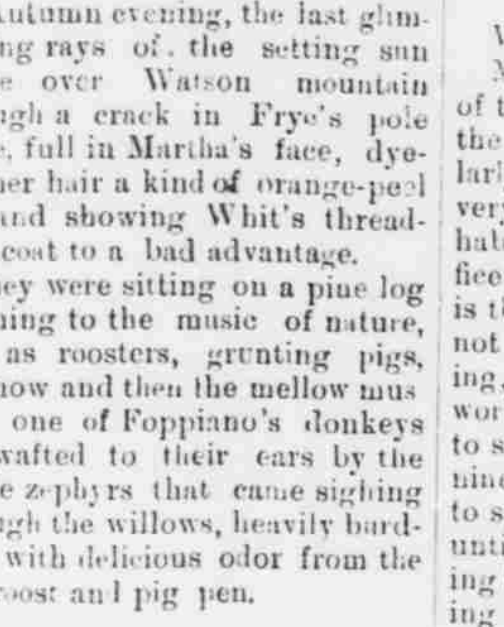
A ROMANCE.

How Mountain Creepers Get Married.

Written for the News, by "Cab."

"Twas at the close of a beautiful Autumn evening, the last glimmering rays of the setting sun shone over Watson mountain through a crack in Frye's pole fence, full in Martha's face, dyeing her hair a kind of orange-pearl hue and showing Whit's thread-bare coat to a bad advantage.

"They were sitting on a pine log listening to the music of nature, such as roosters, grunting pigs and now and then the mellow notes of one of Foppiano's donkeys was wafted to their ears by the gentle zephyrs that came sighing through the willows, heavily laden with delicious odor from the hen roost and pig pen.



"They were sitting on a pine log listening to the music of Nature."

Order No. 18. Bounties on the skulls of wild animals was fixed as follows: Each panther or cougar, \$10; wildcat or extermout, \$1; wolf or coyote, \$1; blue-tail rabbit, \$0.002.

Order No. 19. It appearing that Geo. Dollma, appointed supervisor of road district No. 3, having failed to file the necessary bonds as required by the Court, it was ordered that the office of road supervisor of road district No. 3 be declared vacant, and that Samuel Hough be appointed supervisor of said district.

Order No. 20. Road supervisors were appointed as follows: District No. 8, W. H. Hughes; 10, John Keeney; 13, James Diffin; 16, James A. Wickiser; 22, Fred Oakerman.

Order No. 21. Bonds of supervisor of district No. 13 were approved.

Order No. 22. Bill of W. H. Kelley, Justice of the Peace for John Day Precinct, was disallowed for the following reasons: Because criminal actions for which bills were made were commenced by attorney or attorneys employed by private prosecutors against the objection, and while the district attorney of this district was present in said John Day where the case was tried, and for the further reason that said bills were made without authority, as the district attorney was present and tried to control the proceedings on part of the State by dismissing the complaint and information for the reason that the evidence was insufficient to justify the trial or examination of the defendants, all of which was required by said Justice, and the attorneys representing the private prosecutors were allowed to conduct the said proceedings.

Order No. 23. Report of R. J. McKinnon, supervisor of road district No. 16, was referred back for verification, as by law required.

Order No. 24. W. H. Johnson, of Cable was appointed stock inspector of Grant County, in place of John C. Luce.

Order No. 25. Ford of Sam Hough, supervisor of road district No. 3 was approved.

Order No. 26. County warrants to the amount of \$5,227.07 were allowed.

Want Some Eggs?

Peter Kuhl has for sale pure Plymouth Rock, Brown Leghorn and Black Spanish hen eggs, warranted to be genuine. * 52

Mrs. W. R. Comington is seriously ill with lung fever. "St. Patrick's Day in the morning," next Saturday.

Dr. Boley returned from a professional visit to Prairie City last Friday.

Miss Florence Fesse, of Baker City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thornton Williams, of this city.

W. H. Brown, the prisoner brought over from Burns lately, was released last week on a writ of habeas corpus.

County court adjourned Tuesday of this week. A great amount of business has been transacted during the term.

The county clerk has issued a marriage license to Daniel G. Shaven and Bettie Hinton, and Chas. E. Lounsbury and Amy B. Hough.

Quartzburg, in Dixie mining district is to have an assay office. A competent assayer will do work in the camp. Hundreds of dollars are spent each year in sending ore to Salt Lake and other places to have it assayed. Better have the work done nearer home.

On another page will be seen the "red" of Prairie City Hotel. The public needs only to try this house for proof of its excellency. Having undergone a thorough renovation, and with experienced cooks in charge, the most fastidious will be pleased with its accommodations.

An item in this paper two weeks ago regarding a business man who wished free advertising, has been construed by some to apply to Mr. A. H. Groth, the proprietor of the City Hotel. Such is not the case. Mr. Groth has always been willing to pay for what advertising he has received, as have all the hotels of this place and Prairie City. In justice to them we make this statement.

The postoffice at Rann has been discontinued today, March 15th, because the present postmaster has resigned, and no one else can be found to take charge of affairs. This is not as it should be. It is a shame that no one can be found to attend to the mail at that place after the office has been established. Large numbers of residents of the valley will suffer in consequence, as Canyon City, which is forty miles away, is the nearest postoffice.

But it is too late to mend matters now. We understand the mail contractors were given timely warning of the intentions of the Department, but, through some cause they failed to have the office retained.

On Malheur Ranges.

Conflicting reports are circulated concerning the loss of stock about Drewsey, and that our readers may arrive at a just estimate, we refer them to a letter written by Mr. Wm. Altrow, for the News, as follows:

I will give you the true side in regard to how stock are being over here, for I have seen different reports concerning stock in this county. The first was given by Mr. McLellan some time ago, at 50 per cent. The way things looked at that time he was right, for it looked discouraging, and he may be nearer right yet.

The last report said, as I saw in the News, that the loss would be five per cent. That man knows nothing about it, or willfully misrepresented the case, for I will give you facts and figures which are right.

Mr. Robertson, the "LE" as we call it, and myself feel what we could. Mr. Robertson had in over 500 head—I think between 500 and 600. He lost out of that lot over 25 head, also 5 per cent. of what are fed. I had in a few over 100 head. I lost 6 of them, also 5 per cent. The "LE" lost about the same, and out of my lot, if left in the hills, all would have died, with the exception of 18 or 20 head, and I am not certain if that many would have lived. If we got off with 25 per cent, loss we are doing well, for our horses in some localities have not fared well. The Miller Bros. went to their corral above the swamp and found six head dead. A man drove in from Idaho horses in good condition, and lost 12 or 13 head. Mr. McHaley, as I read in the News, lost 500 head of sheep. He also lost a bad place and got into a worse one. Mr. Moller's son-in-law's sheep have been dying, and both of these parties feel. But from what I can learn, sheep have fared better than cattle. Three weeks ago I went to the junction of the South and Middle Forks of the Malheur, and through the hills to the North Fork. The trip consumed four days. I rode through lands of cattle finding some of them very low. None of them look any too well. It was all they could do to navigate, and here and there was to be seen a dead one. I tell you it did not look encouraging.

Last Saturday it snowed all day. Yesterday it most all disappeared. Last night it snowed again, and this morning there is about two inches of snow on the ground, and it don't look pleasant for men that have pastured in the hills, for hay has gone long ago, and everything is turned out, and has got to rustle, live or die, and if we escape, with 25 per cent, we may be satisfied.

Wm. ALTROW, Drewsey, March 5th, 1888.

Mr. John Laurance starts this week with a band of horses to California. If successful in disposing of this lot Mr. Laurance will, in all probability, drive a larger number of horses to the California markets during the coming Summer.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Weekly Budget of News as Furnished by our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, March 2nd, 1888.

Mr. Vilas, when he took charge of the Interior Department, found the condition of business, particularly in the U. S. Patent Office, very much in arrears, and the habits of the employees of the Office simply disgraceful. The truth is that a great many of them were not working, had not been working, and did not know how to work. It had been their custom to straggle into the office after nine o'clock in the forenoon, and to spend a great part of the day until four P. M. in gossip, reading the newspapers and promending in the corridors. At half past three o'clock they began to make their toilets for the closing hour of four P. M.

Practically there has been no Commissioner of Patents during the present administration. Mr. Cleveland's first appointee was a criminal lawyer, named Montgomery, who, if he had been asked at the time to define a patent, must have had recourse to the dictionary. Conscious of his ignorance he left everything to the employes of the Office.

The employes, clerks, examiners, bureau chiefs and copyists, turned their energies to play, while fifty thousand inventors paying into the Patent Office over a million dollars per year, petitioned, prayed and cursed, in vain, for action on their cases.

About a year ago all Patent Office was rejected by the announcement that Montgomery had resigned. Now we will have a change. Anything! What e're beside we've seen the worst! The change came in the shape of the present Commissioner, Mr. Hall, an intelligent, educated, phlegmatic man, who not only knew how to define a patent, but did nothing but define, re-define, and super-subterfuge them, until his superordinates and patent lawyers cannot find his meaning.

His definitions in the shape of decisions on cases appealed to him have been in the teeth of law and established usage, and have thrown the practice into confusion. Meanwhile the actual work of the Patent Office, that of examining inventions and issuing patents, has gone from bad to worse. Mr. Hall, absorbed in the mysteries of abstract Patent Law, appears to be unaware that the immense force of principal and assistant examiners are months behind with their work and are making no effort to catch up.

This is not an overdrawn picture of the condition in which Mr. Vilas found the Patent Office. To picture the obliquity, the despair and the agony of the thirty thousand or more inventors whose rights under the Patent law have been so shamelessly delayed and neglected, would require the genius of a Dore.

Mr. Vilas has a Napoleonic habit of peking about the camp fire, and without brass band accompaniment. Last week he took a stroll through the Department. He saw things that are quite familiar to the inmates of the Patent Office, but which filled him with righteous wrath. High salaried men were reading, telling stories, joking, filling with their feet upon their desks, as oblivious to surveillance as to the distant clamor of thirty thousand swindled applicants for patents.

Then Mr. Vilas inquired concerning the condition of a case in which the inventor had written to him. If any but the Secretary of the Interior had appealed to Mr. Hall, he would have got such plausible explanation as the negligent and culpable examiner could make up. He probed the matter and found that action on the case had been wantonly neglected. The inventor, who is a very poor man, had lost several hundred dollars. But this is only one of a thousand cases.

The result of Mr. Vilas' tour of inspection was an order issued prohibiting reading, letter writing, gossiping, loafing and visiting among the employes of the Patent Office. The order is excellent. But its enforcement! There's the rub! The employes of the Patent Office occupy as many as a hundred rooms, and they work, or rather avoid work, with closed doors. They are skilled in all the arts of evading espionage, and if school boys contrive to eat apples and read dime novels under the eye of the teacher, what can these older offenders do behind closed doors, screens and mammoth desks.

The wretched condition of business under the present head of the Office and his eccentric rulings has suggested a remodeling of the U. S. Patent Office and its laws. Senator Gorman has introduced a bill in the Senate to establish a court of three judges, whose duty among others shall be to hear and decide appeals from the rulings of the Commissioner of Patents. The new bill has made excellent features of which I may write hereafter.

The scholars of the M. E. Sunday school will give an entertainment at "Masonic Hall," in this city, some time during Court, for the benefit of the school. Further notice will be given, as to date, etc.

An Answer.

ED. GRANT COUNTY NEWS: In answer to the question asked by the Prairie City correspondent to your paper, why the County Court refused to appoint Mr. S. Hough as supervisor of Road District No. 3 when he came before them with a petition signed by almost every voter in the district, but instead appointed one without a petition, I will say, that Mr. Hough was asked by one of the board if he would not be willing to stand aside and let some one else have the position, and he, without any hesitation, answered that he would, and stated his reasons for so doing. I then felt at liberty to give the appointment to another.

The man who has not the backbone to stand up for his rights ought not to complain.

Signed, this 12th day of March, 1888, by
T. H. MEADOR,
Co. Commissioner.

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. GRENBLACH & Bro.,
Canyon City, Or.

NOTICE.

Came on the premises of the undersigned in Union precinct, Grant County, Oregon, two young iron-gray horses, about 14 hands high, branded JH J and H, connected on left hip. The owner is requested to come forward, get the same and pay charges.

DANFORTH GOODRUE,
Appraised by R. C. Reid, Justice of the Peace, at \$10 each. This Jan. 17th, A. D. 1888. 48 51

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. MCCORM,
Prairie City, Or., Nov. 20, 1887.

Johnny Knox.

For Sale at a Bargain.

One 8 year old Trotting Stallion, 16 hands high, weight about 1,200, color, dark bay. Sired by "Champion Knox," dam by "Old Rifleman." Very kind and agreeable disposition.

For the amount of training he has had he shows as much speed as any other horse in the county. For references apply to Eddie Armstrong, of Mt. Vernon, Or., or to Neil Hoglewood, Baker City, Oregon.

For price, terms, etc., address
A. C. HALL,
Canyon City, Oregon.

NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Grant County. In the matter of the Estate of Geo. C. Small, deceased.

Geo. C. Small, deceased, that by an order of the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon, for Grant County, made and entered on the 28th day of March, 1887, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Geo. C. Small, deceased, and that letters of administration have been duly issued to the undersigned.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned, at his residence in Happy Valley, Grant County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Canyon City, Oregon, this 10th day of Feb., 1888.
D. H. SMITH,
Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, February 27th, 1888.
Neddie is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and the said proof will be made before the Clerk of Grant County, at Canyon City, Oregon, on April 14th, 1888, viz: FETTERMAN, JESSE ERN, D. S. No. 1884, for the S. 1/4 of S. 32, of S. 36, of R. 10, of T. 36, of R. 21, of W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Herman Koch, Wm. P. Bondie, John Maloney, and James Altrow, all of Canyon City, Oregon.

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Prof. Harmon, the world renowned veterinarian, gave an entertainment at this place last Friday evening.

Nevada's expenses exceed her revenue about \$50,000, and the limiting of the sessions of the legislature and a relaxation of the number of assemblymen are talked of.