

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Hurrah for Cleveland & Thurman, and Harrison & Morton! The American Eagle was fat, and screamed lustily yesterday. J. A. Cattanch has been making needed repairs on the county jail. Hugh Smith has moved his stock of liquors into the Rinehart old saloon building. Mr. Ed. Walton has rented the barber shop, and is now practicing his profession. He is from Baker City. Johnnie Powers is an apprentice in this windshop, with fair prospects of ultimately becoming a splendid typo. Dr. Boley has moved into the Episcopal parsonage. His County Treasurer's office is at present at his residence. Married, in Canyon City, July 1, 1888, Mr. Allen Porter and Miss Florence Burnside, Justice Wm. Miller officiating. Republican nominees for president and vice-president are Benjamin Harrison of Indiana, and Levi P. Morton of New York. Baker City people are again agitating the question of a branch railroad into the Granite creek mines. It will be built some time. Geo. W. Heckathorn and Sarah J. Page have been granted a marriage license by the county clerk. Likewise W. H. Wilson and Millie E. Hagey. Acres and acres of patriotism were expended yesterday over this broad land of ours, and barrels and barrels of "red licker" were consumed. There is every appearance that the present summer season will not be a hot and extended one. Most of the warm weather so far occurred in the early spring. Through ignorance we omitted to mention the fact that Thornton Williams was absent, attending court in Klamath county at its last session. Mr. Williams was accompanied by his family. There will be only seven Democrats in the lower house of the next legislature—three from Jackson county, three from Linn county and one from Klamath and Lake. They will form a lonely minority. "O, the bliss of a good ducking," sings Mr. Bliss of Malheur, whose horse slipped on a beaver slide in Bear creek last week as he was coming to town, completely submerging himself and rider in the aqueous element. Wood is being hauled into town and delivered at \$5 per cord. As none was floated down Canyon creek this summer people will have to depend on teamsters for their fuel, and "wood will be wood" before next March. As the News went to press before the celebration was over we are unable to give an account of the doings, but are safe in saying that every one was pleased. A full summary of the exercises will be given in our next issue. He was talking to a Kentucky audience on the subject of the tariff. Said he: "Take whisky, for instance," when every man in the house arose with the remark, "Thank you, don't care if I do," and he had to stand treat or die. Smith & Keller's prospect shaft up the creek is down about 70 feet, and indications still good. They will go at least 100 feet deep this season, in hopes of striking bedrock. With only a windlass and buckets the work is not very rapid. Geo. Sellinger, Jr., made the quickest trip with freight from Baker of any team on record. He started on Saturday, June 23, from here, and arrived last Saturday with about 6,700 pounds of freight, hauled by eight horses and two wagons. Ben Brown, of Burns, accompanied by his brother Leon, came over last Sunday to receive medical treatment for his eye, which a piece of steel had penetrated while he was working in a blacksmith shop. Drs. Orr and Scott removed the minute particle of iron, and the patient left for home Tuesday. The Clark & Combs diggings in Long gulch will prove rich beyond a doubt. We were shown the product of one pan of gravel, which was rich in coarse gold, the same as the Canyon creek gold. Without exaggerating we can predict that considerable money will be taken out of their claim when they get to panning. Phil Metchan and Wm. Miller, witnesses in the case of Grant vs Lake county, returned home from Linkville last week, at which place they were in attendance at the late term of Circuit Court for Klamath county. The testimony had been submitted to the Judge, but he had not rendered a decision when they started for home.

MT. VERNON MURMURS.

Mt. Vernon, July 2nd, '88. Grain looks well since the recent rains. H. Fields will finish shearing this week. Henry McKern killed a cougar some time since. J. A. Taylor & Co., are going to spend the 4th in Bear Valley. Noyt Fields and Jake Steiner intend starting teams for Baker next week. W. A. Goan and family intend spending a few days on his ranch in Bear Valley soon. Quite a number of the folks from this "Baliwick" intend spending the 4th in Canyon City. Bill George looked too hard at a pick and it gave him a black eye. Better look at something safer next time Bill. We notice quite an improvement in the road work this year in Mr. Wm. Luces district, a part of which has been much needed. Fruit in our part of the country will not be a full crop; too much cold weather last winter. L.

AMONG THE MINES.

Quartzburg, July 2, '88. The Colorado mill and mine are working. The mill is running only during the day. The mine has been taken on a new lease, which was taken in June by the same parties who had it before, Messrs Pearce & Graniteville. The ore is making an average of \$25 per ton. The Keystone mill and concentrator are running day and night. The company is working the Wide West mine, and the ore seems to pay well, and the vein holds its width well. No person knows what the ore runs outside of the owners, as it is a stock company, and cleanups are kept quiet, but the mine is paying or they would not work it. Fifteen men are employed. The Eagle mine is owned by Mr. Faiman, and he has two men at work in the mine. He is also running R. C. Ried's arrastra day and night. The vein is small, but very rich. They have run a tunnel which they work through, 200 feet in length, and they are still running the tunnel ahead on the vein. The vein in the drift is 12 inches in width, and all prospects well, but the gold is very fine. Mining news is scarce at present in our Burg. I will write more in my next. Yours Resp. MINER.

Idaho's Indian outbreak boom has collapsed. Jas. Anderson, of the Malheur country, was over this week filing on a desert land claim. Eastern capitalists have agreed to build a paper mill, costing \$12,000 at Walla Walla. W. F. Moffett, whose cattle are ranging in the Malheur country, came over the other day to celebrate with his family. See "ad." of Miller & Ferrell's blacksmith shop elsewhere in this issue. First-class work, and satisfaction, is their motto. Because "Happy Jack" of the Long Creek Eagle, has gone to Pendleton—they say to get himself married—he gives notice that his paper will suspend for a week. A couple of gentlemen from Pendleton, whose names have escaped the memory of this ink-spreader, are in the country as agents for sewing machines, pianos and organs. Clerk Mael and Commissioner Davis whistled "Yankee Doodle" under the window of the newly married couple from Long Creek, Sunday night, but "For goodness sake don't say I told you."

The total reward offered for the capture of the highwaymen who "held up" the Northern Pacific train several days ago is more than \$10,000. The country is being scoured by soldiers, Indians and a sheriff's posse. A man named Drake, over on the wild and woolly Malheur, slaughtered an immense black bear the other day, in a manner peculiar. He only had two cartridges in his gun when he met Mr. Bear. One of them shot into him sent him up a tree, and the other one failed to bring him down. Where there is a Drake there is always a way, and tying his long hunting knife securely to a light pole Mr. Drake mounted his horse, and by repeated thrusts soon dispatched the ferocious denizen of the forest. We have faith to assure our readers that just as good quartz ledges stand to-day untouched in Grant county as those recently sold on Cracker creek for \$1,000,000. Ours can be had for less than a million—only for the cost of locating them. Surface scratching is not going to develop million dollar mines, and nothing short of the downright hard work will bring the wealth to the surface, but it is in our mountains, all the same, awaiting any one who is disposed to pull off his coat and dig for it.

LONG CREEK LYRICS.

Long Creek, June 28, '88. The celebrated "Hog case," of the State of Oregon vs Miller, was dismissed by squire Branson. Hon. Jack Morrow, one of the leading citizens of Heppner, passed through town on his way to the Springs. Old Sandy Hancock had his first lawsuit in his life to-day. He got so excited and worried about it that he compromised it, rather than go to trial. It is reported that the Chinamen who last year bought the Jackson & Wallace claim on the installment plan, have cleaned up and "vamoosed" the ranch. It is currently reported that Bill Pendland, the great sheepman of Morrow county, has sold his entire interest to an English syndicate, presided over by Mr. Wm. B. Cunningham, for the sum of \$100,000. Messrs Wm. Carter, C. C. Blackwell and Dan Morrow, started for Arlington with wool, and Mr. Branson's outfit will start tomorrow. Nearly all our wool men who are able to do so are holding their wool for an advance in prices. If they could only do like these speculators do, that is, form a combination all over Eastern Oregon, and not sell a single pound, I believe they would get better prices than they now do. Some time ago a man calling himself Mr. Clough (although that was not his right name) came to this town and opened a law office. With him came a woman whom he passed off as his wife, which it is now said, was not the case. They got into the good graces of every merchant and neighbor, and after getting all the credit they could, Mr. Clough left between two days, disguised as a Spaniard. It is now reported that some law officers from California were on his track. Last Sunday his alleged wife skipped off without paying anybody a cent. Such people ought to be advertised, so that other communities may not be imposed upon by such a set. Of course, in their new place they will live under an assumed name. I did not mean to state in my last that the Church had been refused to any minister, for I do not believe it has, but what I did intend to say was that some churches are refused to ministers who are not orthodox, while here they went to the extreme of allowing a show in the same. I am positive that our resident minister objected to it. I hope you will insert this item as I hear Mr. Lee, one of the trustees feels hurt about the statement as it read in my last. Mr. Sam Smith, who has just returned from Heppner, reports times very dull at that place, although considerable activity in real estate prevails. Sam Hardisty and family have taken a vacation from hard work and gone to the mountains to rusticate. Lawyer Denning has turned "granger," and is raising 100 head of cabbage and other garden sass. I hope the report is true that Henry Black has struck the main lead of the renowned Blue Buckle mines. They say that the ore he struck is immensely rich.

It is reported that Blaine will stump California and Oregon the present summer. Mr. Jos. Fitzgerald, of The Dalles, is spending a few days in town visiting friends. Judge—"Madam, what is your age?" She—"Your honor, I leave that to the mercy of the court."

The official count has been made at Salem and Hermann's plurality was 7497. Miller received 1974 votes for congress. And thus has the Fourth of July past with all its glories, its joys, its sorrows and the year of our independence the 112th.

The Mormons of Salt Lake have purchased 400,000 acres of land in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, for colonization purposes. Besides the excellently decorated streets visible to the city's guests on Independence day, was the newly whitewashed front of W. R. Cunningham's livery stable. Elsewhere in this issue will be seen the "ad." of the Boston Carpet and Furniture Store, Sam. Sired, manager. Anything in his line will be sold at reasonable figures, for cash. If Grant county was in California, or some other of the "boomed" States, her population would be doubled inside of a year. Every gulch and ravine where there was a spring or stream of water, would be claimed, and even her mountain sides would be filled, and brought into cultivation. Strangers would be surprised to see the timothy which grows upon our hills without irrigation, the seeds of which were blown there by passing gales.

COPPS LAND REVIEW.

Pending Legislation in Congress—Railroad Forfeiture Acts—Proposed Changes in the Pre-emption, Homestead and Timber-Culture Laws.

The land matters now pending before Congress in which the public is most interested, are those relating to contemplated forfeitures of railroad grants and the proposed changes in the pre-emption, homestead and timber-culture laws. With respect to the former, both houses desire to take some kind of action, but a wide difference of opinion as to the extent of the forfeitures to be declared is entertained by the House of Representatives and Senate, and in fact by several members of the respective bodies. The Senate propose to forfeit only such lands as lie opposite the lines of railroads not yet completed, permitting the grantees to take all lands opposite and continuous with completed portions of the roads, whether the lines were constructed prior to or after the expiration of the periods prescribed by the granting acts, for the completion of the same. In the House the proposition to forfeit entire all road grants where the whole lines were not completed within the statutory period, is very popular. This is an extreme measure to which the assent of the Senate, as now constituted, will not be given, and one which, in the opinion of eminent lawyers, would not be sustained by the courts, even if enacted as a law. The reason of this belief, is that it would be an attempt to disturb vested rights, and that the Government having failed to declare a forfeiture of grants at the expiration of the period fixed by law, within which the lines should be completed, cannot take advantage of the laches of the grantees after having secured the benefits which it was expected would be derived from the grants. In short, that the grants and their acceptance, constitute contracts, binding alike on both parties—the grantee (contractor) and the Government (proprietor) by which the former undertook to perform certain things within a specified time for a consideration named. That the grantees, having failed to perform his part within the time, have declared a forfeiture and refused to pay the consideration. That the Government having failed to take advantage of the forfeiture clause in the grant at the time the laches occurred and having permitted the grantee to construct the line out of time, and having accepted the same, has condoned the fault of the laches of the grantee and is estopped from claiming a reversion of the lands by virtue of a forfeiture clause in the grant. Important changes in the pre-emption, homestead and timber-culture laws are contemplated by what is known as the Holman Bill, now pending before the House. In fact it contains provisions which, if enacted into law, will change, more or less, all existing laws relating to the disposal of public lands. It repeals the pre-emption and timber-culture laws and permits the disposal of agricultural lands only under the homestead law, in which law numerous changes are proposed. It provides for the classification of the public lands into classes to be designated as agricultural, timber, mineral, desert and reserved lands, and prescribes methods of procedure to procure title to each of the classes. The discussion of the Mills' Tariff Bill and the consideration of the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year will occupy the remainder of the present session of Congress, and I learn from the prominent members of both houses that a railroad forfeiture bill and the Holman Bill cannot pass both houses before next winter. People interested in the pre-emption and timber-culture laws may rely on this information. HENRY N. COPP.

Texas has in the State treasury the snug sum of something over two million dollars. The Democratic nominee for governor of Arkansas is named Eagle. He will do a great deal of screaming from now until November. The Oregon Blood Purifier is Nature's own remedy, and should be used to the exclusion of all other medicines in all diseases of the stomach, liver and kidneys. A stranger was found dead in an Arkansas town, with a revolver and \$50 on his person. A justice of the peace was called to act as coroner, and proceeded to fine the deceased \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon. The next eclipse of the moon will occur on the night of July 22, and be more interesting than the one of January 28. The diameter of the earth's shadow will be much larger at that time in proportion to the diameter of the moon, darkening its surface more totally. It will take place at midnight when the moon will be higher in the heavens and will be visible in this section.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Weekly Budget of News as Furnished by our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, June 28, '88. It has been difficult to keep a quorum in either House of Congress this week. Our lawmakers have been busily attending to the news from the Chicago Convention. The Senate especially, could scarcely have pres-ned a more languid or listless appearance or shown more indifference to ordinary legislative business than during the past few days. There were three possible Presidential candidates in the Chamber however—Senators Sherman, Allison and Hawley who lent interest to the scene. It was noticeable too that these gentlemen could not be contented long in one place, but moved around, in and out of the Chamber as if their thoughts were elsewhere. The Senate has never been accused of being illiberal with the people's money, and some recent voting sustains its record for generosity. It has passed a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the erection of an additional fire-proof structure for the National Museum. This is on the ground that increased facilities for displays are needed, the present structure not affording sufficient room. It also passed a bill appropriating \$160,000 for the purchase of a pneumatic gun for the War Department, and it is likely to pass another carrying and appropriation of \$100,000 for the construction of a marble portico at the western front of the Capitol. The House of Representatives, on the other hand, has had a sharp discussion about spending so much money. It was over the Congressional Library building which is in course of erection east of the Capitol. \$3,000,000 were appropriated for its erection when the bill was passed, and now four or five million more are wanted. Some members held that \$3,000,000 was to be the ultimate cost of the structure, while others thought that \$7,000,000 and even \$10,000,000 would not be excessive for a National Library building here. Representative Sawyer, of New York referred to the new state building at Albany, which was completed to cost \$4,000,000. It had already cost \$16,000,000, and there was no telling how much more it would cost. He did not object to a National Library building costing \$7,000,000, but he thought the idea so prevalent of making Washington the centre of wealth and social display was the greatest course of the National Capitol. He said that this idea had grown so that any man in public life is forced to spend more than his salary to maintain social relations. Representative Milliken derided the penny wise policy, and argued that as the library is growing, the idea is not to erect a building for to-day but for the next hundred years. He insisted that any change of plan in order to save money would be foolish, and declared that he would not incur public condemnation by voting for any cheap structure. After much wrangling, it was finally decided by a vote of 114 to 50, one more than a quorum, to stop work on the Library building, to abolish the present commission, and repeal the act that was passed, and that the Senate and House committees on public buildings, acting together, shall procure plans for a library structure which shall not cost over \$3,000,000. The people of Washington are much pleased, as are doubtless the people throughout the entire country, that the movement to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America is beginning to take definite and substantial shape. The bill providing for a permanent exposition of the three Americas here in 1892 having been reported favorably some days since from the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the feature which insures the success of the of the undertaking is that authorizing the President to appoint a governmental board of nine directors to formulate a plan for the proposed exposition, which appropriates \$25,000, to be immediately available for the expenses of this board. If the project be properly carried out it will be a great benefit to the country at large, as well as to the city of Washington. It will establish here a permanent exposition which will illustrate the progress of the arts, sciences, inventions and industries of every Government upon the American continent. The Philadelphia celebration of 1876 to commemorate the Centennial of our independence as a people is the only international exposition ever held in this country as yet, and the good that resulted from it is still apparent throughout every avenue of trade and commerce. The exposition now proposed is in honor of a still greater event in the world's history than the formation of the States. It will also be upon a much larger scale and still far-her reaching in its results. The geologists have settled that this earth is 21,000,000 of years old, and that man has slogged about on the old thing 100,000 years.

LETTER LIST.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Canyon City Postoffice, Grant county, Oregon, for the month ending June 30th, 1888, viz: Chatman Bros. John Deen, (2) H. A. Guild. Thomas Morgan. J. L. Morris, (4) Persons calling for the above will please say "Advertised." O. P. CRESAP, P. M. The African explorer, Stanley, has been a prominent figure before the civilized world and barbarous Africa, and who has been reported dead, is now thought to be likely to pull through and reach civilization, although in a rather tight place. Omaha Dame—"Didn't you know before your marriage that the man you loved had contracted the liquor habit?" Neglected wife—"Yes I knew he had contracted the habit, and if it had only stayed contracted I should not have complained, but after marriage the habit expanded."

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