

Grant Co. News.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Born in Canyon City, August 3, 1888, to the wife of N. Rulison, a daughter. If you want to buy a band of sheep read the "ad" in another column.

J. W. Allen, proprietor of the Soda Spring station, made a hurried trip to town this week to purchase supplies for the ranch.

Squatters in the Blue mountain wilds are numerous, but the nobly sought huckleberry is said to be remarkably scarce.

The hay crop throughout this valley is much better than was expected in the early summer. In fact, the yield is good, generally.

Fred Zwicker returned from Huntington last week to look after his business in this county. He has a band of stock near Huntington.

Marriage licenses granted since last report: Emil Fisher and Thersa Ritterbusch, of Burns; E. J. Errington and Mary E. Miller, of Long Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sewall, of our city, went to the mountains with a team one day last week, and captured a young fawn, which will make a very pretty pet.

Boat valley is furnishing a home for a large number of new settlers. It is a first-class stock country, and some fine vegetables and grain are being produced in the valley this year.

The eternal snows which were wont to linger till along about September in the lap of old Mt. Strawberry, have almost disappeared this early in the season.

Only a small dab of white immediately under the left ear of the grand old monarch now greets the vision.

The State Fair will commence at Salem on September 17, 1888. Our thanks are due Hon. J. T. Greig, the secretary, for the usual work of courtesy. We have a "dead-end thing" on admission to the grounds, if present, but have a game toe and can't walk very well.

It is claimed that since the settlement of the country no time has been when money was more scarce than it has been this year. Persons who are fortunate enough to get hold of a coin invariably receive it till the eagle yells, and then fit it up towards paying for a stack of imported flour.

"Creeper Creek or bust," is the cry. Better stay at home while it you are making anything. The biggest creek ever heard is liable to occur there some of these days. Should the camp prove permanent a better time for the common laborer to go there would be in one or two years from now.

One of the most beautiful places in Grant county is that of Mr. D. B. Rinehart, situated on bench land a short distance south of the John Day river. Mr. Rinehart has a "timber-culture" planted, and the young forest is beginning to show up nicely. A visit to his immense orchard will convince any one that Grant county is a fruit producing section. His apples are the finest in the state, and are preferred at Baker City to those shipped up from below, and are of a much finer flavor. The crop this year is not as large as that of two years ago, but he will perhaps have some fruit for export.

America is a great country, and is pretty well filled with all kinds of people. Her laws tolerate all kinds of religious belief, therefore it is well. The Adventist brethren—the seventh day followers—enjoy greatly their, and are glad that salvation has no tariff on it. They have pitched their tent on the river above Prairie City, and are working on the larger portions of the "hard-wood" spaces in that neighborhood. One of their recent converts, we are informed, went to meeting all day last Saturday and moved hay on the Sabbath. But that is their religion, and if the teacher don't work too hard and get over-heat it may be well with him.

The bug law will go into effect before another week, and we are glad of it. Last Monday while busily engaged in our office that old pernicious epidemic, the round-headed hazel-spitter saw, walked underneath our office to escape the scorching rays of the August sun. We are a kind-hearted crew, and would never have denied the sow the cooling shade, had she behaved in a proper manner and not abused the act of courtesy accorded her. She would persist in rubbing her spine against the joists of the floor till our patience would hold out no longer. The floor was shaking so we feared for the safety of several cases of type, and we armed ourselves with a column rule and crawled under the floor after the sow. We gave her a whack in the ribs with the rule, and the report frightened her, causing her to jump suddenly and fill our right eye full of dust, and we can hardly see since. The hogs must be pinched up.

Jim Ferrel is making dust with the Baker stage.

Sheriff Gray is on a trip to the Drewsey country after delinquent taxes.

M. Dustin, who recently had his shoulder dislocated, is around once more.

Politics looming up rather prominently. Wscooperplizejane, Tippercanoxytylertoo!

The Weekly World, Portland's Democratic newspaper, has been greatly improved of late.

"Eternal taxation is the price of liberty" seems to be the latest addition to the prescription.

Read Robbins & Purrington's notice in another column, and if 'O then profit by such reading.

Too dry for the good of stock ranges, and much suffering is anticipated this fall in consequence.

Joe Bates, the county poor contractor, has quite a small band of paupers, and he keeps them fat and looking well.

A fine old rattlesnake met his death at the hands of some white man one day recently, near the head of the Humboldt ditch.

A genuine case of leprosy has been discovered on the ranch of G. P. Bell, a few miles from San Jose. It is that of a Chinaman.

John Laurance's store and the new L. O. F. hall at Prairie City, are about completed, and the two make quite an imposing structure.

George Cleaver, of Granite, is to be deputy in the sheriff's office. Mr. Gray could not have selected a better man to bestow the appointment upon.

One of W. O. Gentry's sons is lying dangerously ill of typhoid fever at the residence of E. C. Trowbridge. His recovery is considered extremely doubtful.

The next Circuit court docket at Salem on September 17, 1888. Our thanks are due Hon. J. T. Greig, the secretary, for the usual work of courtesy. We have a "dead-end thing" on admission to the grounds, if present, but have a game toe and can't walk very well.

Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. Brackett, and the Misses Jessie Cattanch and Jennie Hall took their departure last Tuesday on a visit to friends in Portland and elsewhere.

Thornton Williams and wife returned home last Tuesday evening from an extended trip to the Willamette and southern Oregon. Mr. Williams had a severe spell of sickness while absent.

Cut-mouth John, and his filikunos from the Warm spring recreation, are now daily expected to make their annual advent into the Harney valley and other grub fields of Eastern Oregon for the purpose of drying grasshoppers and crickets for next winter.

The murky atmosphere is significant of destructive forest fires in the mountains, started by careless campers or huckleberry parties. Such persons would do well to read the law relative to the promiscuous setting out of fires on public lands, and then exercise a little more precaution.

Through the hurry occasioned by moving last week we omitted to report a couple of marriages, but will make amends, and beg the forgiveness of those interested. On July 26 Mr. Orson Lewis and Catharine Light were married at John Day by Co. Judge N. R. Maxey. Charles A. Tilden and Clara D. Levelet, at residence of the bride's parents, at Hamilton, on July 29, Geo. Baker, J. P., officiating.

Helena, Mont., is having lots of fun at the expense of the county commissioners over a \$2,500 statue of G. Washington, bought at San Francisco. The principal trouble with it is that one leg is shorter than the other, it has the bumps, is bald-headed and hump-shouldered, with none of which George was afflicted. In other respects the statue is said to feel quite well.

The Portland News, Mrs. Dr. Murray, Harvey Scott and others, are having most a pleasant time. A young woman died recently in Dr. Murray's office, and the News in giving an account thereof said something which the Dr. did not like, and she instituted suit against the editor of the News for blackmail. Somehow or other the editor of the Oregonian is accused by the News of complicity in the case against him, and the Lord only knows where it will end.

Last week Dr. S. Orr, assisted by Dr. Scott, performed a surgical operation on the little three-year-old boy of Mr. John Myers, by which means the little fellow's foot which has been crippled from the day of his birth, was made straight. Mr. Myers has spent hundreds of dollars with different doctors in hopes of preventing his boy being a cripple all his life, when a surgeon who understood his business could have straightened his foot in almost twenty minutes. The little boy was walking the next day after Dr. Orr severed the contracted cords of his foot.

Streams and ditches going dry. Emigrants passing almost every day.

Board of Equalization is called to meet on the 27th inst.

Julius Durkheimer has gone to San Francisco to purchase new goods.

Mr. Budd Markley, from Web-foot land, is working in Miller's blacksmith shop.

The planing mill at Prairie City is being moved to the vicinity of Cracker Creek.

Several residents of this colony and vicinity seriously "under the weather" during the warm spell.

The state school fund appropriation this year is \$1.25 for every person of school age in the state.

Subscribers to the News in Bear valley who wish their paper mailed to Blanton, should notify the editor.

Sloan & Haskell at Susanville have completed their ditch and have been piping for several weeks in their new claim.

The deputy sheriff mopped the floor with the prisoners yesterday—that is, he allowed them to scrub out the jail and sheriff's office.

We send out a number of copies of the News to parties who are not subscribers, this week, but are respectfully invited to become such.

The wool clip is estimated at 300,000,000 pounds a year, valued at \$79,000,000, from 45,000,000 sheep, owned by 850,000 farmers.

Work on the Oregon Pacific railway eastward will be resumed soon, it is thought. The road will run through Harney valley, and on to Boise City.

Sawmills in the upper part of the valley have been compelled to shut down owing to the scarcity of water, making lumber scarce and difficult to obtain.

Mr. Fields of Decatur Illinois, is in detention for having slain a woman with a gun. His plea in defense is that she "began it" by refusing to attend a camp-meeting.

The Keystone mine at Quartzburg has shut down for an indefinite period. We have not been apprised as to the object of the company in having work stopped on the mine.

The prohibitionists of Minnesota, it is stated, will make a vigorous canvass of the state, and claim that they will poll 5000 votes. They expect to be able to defeat the republican ticket in that state.

"Some of the ranchers down here," says a California Associated Press dispatch from Gilroy, "have suffered considerably from hog cholera." The hogs too, I believe, have been somewhat affected—some of them to tears.

Location notices from the Granite and Greenhorn districts are being sent in almost daily for filing with the county clerk. The mines at those places are showing up well, and others are being located. We believe we are on the very verge of a mining boom of no small dimensions.

The Indian trouble at San Carlos, Arizona, so far as can be ascertained, originates among themselves, over gambling debts, and part of the bands of Casidor and Chillehuana have gone to the mountains and defy arrest. These are the worst characters on the reservation.

A case was tried before Judge Rulison this week for the recovery of money. J. J. McCullough sued Wallace W. and Ed Gilliam for \$60, his fees for taking testimony in their equity case in the spring. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, but we understand not for the amount sued for.

Mr. David Blanton has at last received his commission as postmaster at Blanton P. O. The News has twice mentioned that the office was established—once on the strength of a dispatch sent in the Oregonian a short time since. Mr. Blanton was in town yesterday and showed us his commission, which has in reality arrived this time. Blanton postoffice is an assured fact now, and will be a great accommodation to the rapidly settling Bear valley.

An old bachelor in Oakland, being well conditioned, wedded. After a week he and his wife agreed to a divorce. They had not quarreled, but in his single days he had kept bachelor's hall, and still insists upon doing all the housework, because he likes his own way best. As the lady understood that part of the work to be in her contract, she is determined to dissolve a partnership which promises her a life of inactivity. We believe that no divorce was ever asked on such grounds before.—Alta.

LONG CREEK LYRICS.

Long Creek, July 30, '88. Mr. Ed Matlock, of Heppner, arrived here last night on his way to John Day. Ed has friends wherever he goes, and his friends are glad to meet him.

There is considerable comment and criticism in the community in regard to the action of Squire Branson in the matter of putting me under bonds.

Ed Woodall has made his first appearance on the streets after a severe sickness. He fell off so he only weighs 100 lbs.

We were all sorry to hear that Mr. James Mael is very sick. Hope he will soon recover.

Newt Leslie, who was so severely cut about his neck and arm, is recovering very slowly. In this hot weather it is pretty hard on him to have to lay in bed.

Lawyer Denning has a very good and lucrative practice and is gaining friends every day. The Hot Spring neighborhood seem to be delighted with him, as he is called there nearly every other day.

Ah There, Justice! Ed. News.—Will "Public Justice" please study the following bit of Pat's philosophy: "When a moon minds his own business it makes a decent moon of him."

D. HAYES, Co. Supt.

NOTICE.

If you are indebted to us either by account or note, you will save costs by calling at our office, in Drewsey, and settling the same at once. Respectfully Yours, Romann & Proussakov, Drewsey, Or., Aug. 4, 1888.

Shooting at grouse is in vogue.

A Header for Sale Reasonable. Enquire at Gundlach Bros. *

Bailey Dustin is engaged gathering up the Pat McGinnis band of horses for his father.

Mr. John McCullough intends starting east in September, to attend the law school at Ann Arbor Michigan.

There is a man in Astoria so mean that he wants his landlord to reduce the price of his board because he had two teeth extracted.

A Methodist conference will be held in Pendleton during next month. The matter of an industrial school to be located at Pendleton will be considered.

A Boston girl refuses to marry a swell Philadelphia boy because he did not know what she meant when she asked him in the purest Greek to implant a chaste salute upon her classic brow.

Edison has invented a speaking clock, which calls out the different meals times, and says "I o'clock" and so on through the hours. Fathers of marriageable daughters will demand an attachment which will say "The old man's coming" at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Monumental mine, in Grant county, Oregon, is now on the London market and advertised in the Standard. It is a good mine, but wants to be well-located at a low level, when it is probable all the numerous ledges on the hill will come together and form a bonanza likely to eclipse even the Comstock.

Eastern newspapers are making merry over the work of a correspondent of the London Times, who came to New York and wrote up the city in a style that indicated a belief on his part that he was the original discoverer. A good many people of that kind come out every year from our Eastern states to the Pacific slope.—Oregonian.

Contes Bros of Philadelphia in their last wool circular, state that "there have been but slight changes in eastern markets. As supplies come forward values become more settled and more firmly established. The demand for most grades is fair, but manufacturers buy only for actual wants and are very conservative."

A deer hunt near Martin, Tenn., came to a queer end. After the sportsmen had chased the deer for several miles, and the hounds were close at his heels, the frightened animal turned suddenly, and running up to one of the hunters, tucked its head under his arm as if for protection. No one had the heart to kill the pleading animal and the hunt was abandoned.

Recently Governor Penoyer pardoned another convict with the understanding that he leave the state. Such an act on the part of the governor we deem subject to criticism at least. If the party was entitled to be pardoned he is entitled to remain in the state and go where ever he pleases, and besides it is not a courtesy for this or any other state to send her exconvicts into another state.—Ochoco Review.

COPP'S LAND REVIEW.

Land Scrips --Names--Values--How Used.

The various warrants certificates and scrips which may be used in the acquisition of title to public lands are known under the general term of "Land Scrips."

The most common of these are Revolutionary Bounty Land Scrip issued in satisfaction of Virginia Land Warrants; Military Bounty Land Warrants, issued for service in wars prior to March 3, 1855; Agricultural College Scrip, issued to the several States to aid in the establishment of institutions for teaching agriculture and mechanics; supreme court and surveyor's general scrips, issued in lieu of southern private grants sold by the government.

These warrants or scrips can be used in the purchase of lands just as cash might be used, and fees to registers and receivers are required upon the location of all of them except the revolutionary bounty scrip. They are therefore actually below par—that is while the face value is \$1.25 per acre, but as they cannot be sold for quit that much.

Another class of scrip, known as certificates of deposits, is that issued on deposits for surveys. The face value is \$1.25 per acre, but as they cannot now be used outside of the State in which the land surveyed is situated, they cannot be sold for that amount. They can be used only where cash would serve.

Several scrips of private character not locatable outside certain named States—principally Florida—have been issued, but are not considered of sufficient general interest to merit specific description.

Soldier's additional homestead certificates will take any vacant unappropriated, unreserved, public land that has been surveyed. These certificates were issued to soldiers, sailors, and marines, who had made homesteads of less than 160 acres prior to June 22, 1874, that they might be placed on an equal footing with their comrades who were by law allowed to enter 160 acres. The issuance of the same was discontinued in 1883, and persons entitled to additional lands are now required to go to the local land office and make their additional entries in person. The law forbids the transfer of these certificates, but the provision is evaded by means of two powers of attorney—one to locate and another to sell the land. The value of these certificates is \$30 and upward per acre.

There are several private scrips, varying in quantity from 40 to 640 acres, that sell from \$30 to \$50 per acre, and one—Girard Scrip—that will take only offered or unoffered surveyed land, because of peculiar wording of the law under which it was issued, is held at \$60 per acre.

Sioux half breed scrip will take unsurveyed public land. Improvement of the land is a condition precedent to location. A large amount of this scrip was stolen from the General land office some years ago after it had been located and when one of the stolen pieces make its appearance now, the scrip is canceled and the location declared void.

In numerous cases it has been ascertained that powers of attorney have been obtained from the Indians through fraud, and the locations have thus been defeated. Notwithstanding these circumstances it is worth from \$35 to \$45 per acre.

Porterfield scrip is the only scrip that will take land within an incorporated city or town. A decision by the land department to the effect that it would take unappropriated lands, with improvements thereon, caused this scrip to bring very high price. Sale at \$100 per acre has been made.

Valentine scrip will take surveyed or unsurveyed, offered or unoffered, unappropriated, non-mineral public land in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. Neither residence nor improvement is required. Valentine scrip is generally used to take unsurveyed public land, because it is legally assignable and free from objectionable features. It is worth about \$60 per acre.

HENRY N. COPP.

LETTER LIST.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Post Office at Prairie City, Grant Co., Oregon, July 31st, 1888: Dorsett, A K Esq; Densley, Samuel; Gibson, L W Esq; Gillespie, B E 2; Glenn, J E D 2; Guttridge, J S; Hazelgrove, Al; Hopfinger, Mrs Amy Ann; Ireland, Clay; Kightlinger, George; McMurdo, George; Phillips, Mrs Lizzie; Parker, Mr Thos; Sweek, Mr Harvey; Falls, Chas S 2; Wally, or Wallies, James W

Persons calling for above will please say "advertised." J. W. Mack, P. M.

NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle at once. As I desire to close up my business in this place, all accounts must be settled within two weeks from this date. F. B. RINEARSON, M. D. Prairie City, Or., July 30, '88.

Lost, strayed or stolen, two swamp land commissioners, one named Elliott, about 17 hands high bald face, all white and a good roadster. No brands or marks known. Answers to the name of Colonel. The other is his running mate, about the same height, but built more like a racer, about 35 years old, but his teeth may not show it. He is a light sorrel, with white face named "charley."

When last seen they were on the road between the Dalles and Prineville. Any one giving us information as to their whereabouts, will be entitled to a second hand circus ticket provided either of them will put up.—Wasco Sun.

NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned for meat furnished and delivered at the Canyon City Meat Market, will please come forward and settle accounts by cash or by note as I want to balance my books to July 1st, 1888. Having leased the Butchering business, said lease to take effect on that date (to-wit, July 1st, 1888). All accounts not settled by the 20th day of July, 1888, will be placed in the hands of a collector. W. P. GRAY.

Binder twine, 750 feet to the pound at Basche & Co's., Baker City.

FRUIT FOR SALE.

I will sell Apples on my ranch at 50 cents per box; boxes furnished at 25cts each. Also Vinegar or Cider, and all kinds of vegetables for sale at reasonable rates. Ranch four miles below Canyon City, on The Dalles road. 18 Wm. Leccr.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that J. J. Dorris is not an agent nor is he in any way connected with the Farmers & Merchants Insurance Company of Albany, Or. J. K. ELDERKIN, Secretary.

LETTER LIST.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Canyon City Postoffice, Grant county, Oregon, for the month ending July 31st, 1888, viz:

Mrs Samantha Anderson; W H Andrews; J E McBrannan; Mrs Sophia Colwell; Napoleon Collette; T Levy; H A Sommerville; Frank Ward; Wm Wilbur; Emory A Wood; Geo R Young; Chas Zilkey

Persons calling for the above will please say "Advertised." O. P. CRESAP, P. M.

Some men are always looking for things that are pointed in a newspaper and yet if their names are used to sharpen the point they are too dull to see where the fun comes in.

If You Come to Baker City Go to the Great I X L Store. Where you will get the Biggest Bargains for Half the Money as any other place. We are closing out our Entire Stock of Goods in all departments. You will get more goods for 50 cts than for \$1 at any other Store in Eastern Oregon.

Closing Out, Closing Out! Closing Out! 50 men's Suits at \$7; formerly \$12. 25 men's Suits at \$8.90; formerly \$15. 1,000 pairs men's pants \$3; formerly \$6. 500 pairs men's fine Calif Shoes \$2.45; formerly \$5.

Here is a Stunner for You: 75 dozen Ladies' Undershirts each 25 cts; formerly 75 cts. 100 dozen Ladies' Hose each 15 cts; formerly 20, 25 and 30 cts. 50 dozen Ladies' fine handkerchiefs 10 cts each; formerly 25, 30 35 cts. 75 pieces Summer Dress Goods light shades 20 cts pr yd, formerly 50.

This is a Great leader in Immense Bargains. Great Values for the least Money, at our Closing Out Sale! The Great I. X. L. Store, Baker City. WARSHAUER BROS.

O. P. CRESAP. Dealer in Stationery, Books, School Supplies, Gilt Band and Glassware, in Endless Variety. Fancy Wares, suitable for presents for both Old and Young. Boys' Iron Wagons, Baby Carriages from Fourteen to Eighteen Dollars apiece. Candies & cigars. Tobaccos, Coffees, Teas, Lard, Flour, Dried Fruits, Canned Fruits, Rice, Cream Wheat, the finest breakfast dish known—Fishing Tackle, Fish Poles, Baskets, Tubs, Brooms, Laups, Bird cages, and everything that is usually kept in a Variety Store, all of which Can now be Bought Cheap for Cash, at the Old Stand in Canyon City.

Haptonstall & Dart. DEALERS IN

General Merchandise. John Day City, Oregon.

LACTATED FOOD. 150 Meals for \$1.00. FOR INFANTS and INVALIDS. THE PHYSICIAN'S FAVORITE. Perfectly nourishes a Baby with or without the addition of milk. Three Stars. 25c. 50c. \$1.00. A valuable pamphlet on "The Nutrition of Infants and Invalids," free. WELLS, RICHARDSON & CO., BURLINGTON, VT.