

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Several hard frosts have nipped vegetation, excepting in sheltered nook and corners.

Roads are full of "chuckholes" and the dust is awful. No rain for a long time accounts for this.

The season of "snow squalls" is at hand, and the mighty Blue mountain summits have had their share lately.

Silver spoons have been unearthed in the ruins of Pompeii. This account for the rumor that Ben Butler is going to Italy.

Why do Chinamen rage and the taxpayers imagine a vain thing? Simply because our county jail is not large enough.

The dance at Masonic hall last Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair, but the News has not space to give it more than a passing notice.

The man who says he will welcome death as a release from a life made up of sorrow, generally sends for four doctors when he has the colic.

It may not be to the liking of some, but we have contracted for a lot of snow which will probably be delivered some time next month or before.

Citizens of Burns have expressed themselves in this wise, that if they fail to get the land office of the new district they "had as well move away."

Sheriff Gray has been riding almost every day since his term of office commenced, and the creditable showing on the county credit account is due to his efforts as a delinquent tax collector.

Stock ranges are fearfully poor, but what rain we might have now will not help the grass any, only aiding it to spring up earlier when the snow goes off at the end of winter—if we are to have any snow.

Dr. Horsley is contemplating in the near future embarking again in the drug business. He is a physician and pharmacist of much experience, but ill health lately had almost compelled him to abandon both his business and medical practice.

In Judge Rulison's Court last Monday the notorious Polly Wilson was fined \$10.00 for contempt of court, and sent to jail until the fine was paid. She and her worthless admirers are causing Grant county no end of expense and the respectable portion of this community lots of annoyance.

We understand the case of Grant vs. Lake county will be carried to the supreme court. Such a decision as that rendered by the circuit judge at Klamath county would force Grant to pay the entire indebtedness if it should be possible for the county to be divided at the coming session of the legislature.

On this side of the divide coming out of Harney valley a family has settled at what is called cold springs. The place will probably be made a summer resort, as we cannot see what other practical use can be made of it. Hardly a level patch large enough to set a hen can be found, but wood and water and fresh mountain air and scenery are plentiful.

Halleck Spinks, who has figured rather conspicuously in the courts lately, as soon as his sentence in the county jail for vagrancy expired, went to his old stopping place, and in due time was arrested for lewd cohabitation. A trial was had before justice of the peace N. Rulison, and the prisoner was placed under bonds in the sum of \$300 to appear before the grand jury.

John Garrison brought to our office last Monday a fine lot of strawberries which grew this fall, and were plucked on the 22nd of October. Some of the berries by actual measurement were six inches in circumference, although somewhat lacking in the richness which characterizes the summer fruit. Mr. Garrison has plants to sell, and those of you who wish to buy would do well to consult him.

Petitions to the next legislature of Oregon are now being circulated, praying that body for a more stringent law prohibiting the slaughter of a deer for their hides. It should be signed by every body, and then the legislature should and doubtless will do all that lies in its power to prevent the wholesale killing of deer. It is too late to be of much benefit to this portion of the state, for there are but few deer here to be protected. Indians are allowed to come from the reservations every season and slaughter deer in the mountains of this county, and if it is not stopped and that pretty soon we shall have no deer to protect. There should be some special legislation on the subject of allowing swashes to leave the reservation.

One week from Tuesday we vote.

Gather in your winter apples and replenish your wood pile.

How the cold winds begin to howl, and the Thomas eats to growl.

An entertainment is talked of at an early day for the public school benefit.

Bear in mind circuit and county court will convene one week from next Monday.

Canyon City is "standing in" with her fire boys, and her fire boys appreciate Canyon City's recognition.

Will Baldwin, the oldest brass-band leader in Eastern Oregon, expects to remove with his family to "Webfoot" this fall.

From Silvies valley and Harney valley teams are coming over almost every day for fruit and vegetables and other supplies.

Among our callers from Diamond valley and other points south we must through courtesy mention our old-time friend Wry Smith, who was in town on business.

Harney valley farmers will have the flour-making qualities of their grain tested at the John Day mills. So far as we have been able to learn their grain makes very good flour.

A Tacoma man bet \$20 on a political yarn that he saw in a newspaper, and lost the money. A man that bets on the truth of nine-tenths of the current political trash will always lose.

J. W. Tracy is running his stage line from here to Burns with good stock, and making the trough trip at present in a little over fourteen hours, which is good time considering the condition of the roads.

"Defenders of American labor" and "Oppression by Monopolies" are themes that have long since been worn threadbare. What a terrible thing it is to be an American voter and have to listen to them.

Freddie Fisk, who has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neal in Diamond valley, returned to his parents' home this week. Fred has been known as "John's bad boy," but it is to be hoped he has improved in that regard since his absence from town.

Again one man has, single-handed, robbed a stage coach in Arizona in which there were five passengers. When five men and a driver allow themselves to be thus robbed by one lone road agent they deserve to be punished along with the robber.

One of the U. S. Mail sacks was lost by the driver just this side of Prairie City last Friday evening. Before arriving at John Day he missed the sack, but jumped on a horse and rode back far enough to find the missing receptacle for the people's letters.

Constable Tolhunter, accompanied by Ira Sproul and Horace Sloan captured the third Chinaman last Sunday morning, who was wanted for robbing the Humboldt stores. The Chinaman was pretty well hid at "Man Hat's" place down on the John Day, but he could not escape capture. He is under \$300 bonds to appear before the grand jury.

Fully nine regular boarders at Gray's retreat. The jail is not so full but what more can be accommodated if it should become necessary. Crime must feed the hand of the law if Grant county is bankrupted thereby. Better have no credit than to allow criminals to go unpunished. Make an example of some one for the good of the community in general.

Subscribers to the News complain of not getting their paper regularly, and some weeks, none at all. Postmasters in the county are in no enviable positions and their work is hard with little or no reward, but they all know their duty to which they are sworn to perform. We trust the errors and mistakes will close and no cause for complaint will hereafter be given.

A strapping big fellow with a strapping big gun and a strapping big gall who formerly worked for Peter French, came into town with Bill Christian last Monday and at once proceeded to fill himself up with bug-juice. He expressed his determination to "take the town," and at night went down to Chinatown and raised a disturbance there. Officer Tolhunter "nailed" him as he was in the act of escaping with a watch belonging to one of the Celestials and took it away from the "bad man," who was examined next day on the very light charge of carrying a concealed weapon. The prisoner refused to give his true name, but was convicted under the cognomen of John Doe. Judge Rulison's sentence was a fine of \$15 and costs, which the guilty party paid and left town.

GRANITE GRAINS.

Some snow.

Heavy frosts.

We've had rain.

Cooler weather generally.

"Big Steve" is on the sick list, and he looks sick.

Sheriff Gray was in town a few days ago on business.

Mr. Mills of North Fork has moved to town to winter.

Jas. Cleaver spent a few days doing the town as assessor.

Chas. Miller passed through the other day looking after his mining interest.

A man from Greenhorn stopped at the hotel a few nights ago, and reports himself as being the only miner or prospector left in the mountains. Snow has moved them.

The publishers of the 5 cent Graded Grammar for schools should revise his circulars, as I saw in a copy received by the Principal of Public Schools, the word grammar, spelled grammar twice, and the word technicalities, spelled technicalities. He says he teaches language. Perhaps he does but he can't beat Josh Billings on the spell and shouldn't try.

Our village has been lined quite often by the noble Red Man of the forest, who have been on their annual hunt and are now returning. They report poor success—too much fire—too much sheep. They need protection and the sheep must go. They are the governments wards and in their second infancy and they demand of the Grand Old Party to protect them or they hunt no more.

Born to Fred Cabell on Sunday the 14th, a girl. This is a high born baby beyond a doubt, as Mr. Cabell lives over 7000 feet above the level of the sea. It is a minor, but spell the word with an "o." The infant industry ought to be protected.

What is the matter with the mails? We get your paper about once a month, and one subscriber has received three copies in two months. The fault must be in the side offices from here to Baker and it should be looked into.

Benson and Woods made quite a raid on the elk last week. They brought in three elk and one deer as the result of one day's work. Woods starts to Missouri soon for his family, which he intends bringing to Granite.

Teams may be seen every day or two headed for the Cabell and the Monumental mines loaded with grub and fixtures. Neither of these are in operation yet.

Mr. G. Cleaver and family and Mr. A. Bachman and family leave this week for the mountains.

Went to Burns.

The Newsman paid a flying trip to Burns, the future would be county seat of Harney county. To be brief and to the point, we simply arrived at Burns, and alighted from Tracy's stage coach about 4 o'clock p. m. "Burns was quiet," the residents said. In the course of the evening, however, we learned that several of them had "blowed Judge Parker in for a half," which was counted upon as a great event, and it seemed a feat not usually accomplished. On making inquiries of John Wash the stage driver he translated the phrase "blowed Judge Parker in for a half" to mean that in a game of seven-up Judge Parker had been beaten, and it had cost him fifty cents, or a half dollar. Judge Parker had two large turnups on exhibition which were grown near town without irrigation, and this was about all we had time to see in Burns—owing to the fact that we came away next morning at four o'clock—except Bro. D. L. Grace of the Herald, and several other acquaintances. Burns folks were feeling right bad on account of the rumor that Drewsey had secured the new land office, which in fact would be a most desirable fixture for any small town, and one calculated to build up a place permanently.

A band of noble swashes infested the town this week, looking as if they were on their way back to their own illahs.

Phil Metcahan and wife and Miss M. L. Douthit arrived home Tuesday from their extended visit to Los Angeles.

A correspondent wants to know "ought cousins to marry?" Why certainly; all the other relatives get married; why shouldn't a cousin marry?

I will be in Prairie City Oct. 22, and will remain two or three weeks. All work guaranteed.

E. A. Knight, Dentist.

The Dead Letter Office received 4,808,000 letters last year, for about a third of which owners were discovered. Money to the value of \$1,795,764 was found in 17,588 letters.

COPPS LAND REVIEW.

The New Homestead Law—Glad Tidings for Homeless Thousands.

A new land bill of great importance to persons who have heretofore exhausted their rights under the homestead and pre-emption laws has passed the Senate and with important amendments has been adopted by the House of Representatives and returned to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments. The bill as passed by the Senate permits all persons who have filed under pre-emption or homestead law, but who for any reason have failed to acquire title to lands, to again file under the homestead law and acquire title to not more than one quarter section of public land.

The first amendment added by the House of Representatives authorizes registers and receivers to grant leaves of absence to those who have made entries and who "by reason of drought, whole or partial destruction of crops, sickness, or other unavoidable casualty," are unable to "secure a support for himself, herself, or those dependent upon them," such absence not to exceed one year at any one time, though the period of such absence shall not be counted as residence upon the land in making proof and perfecting title.

The second amendment provides that persons, who have made homestead entries for less than one quarter section may make additional entry for land contiguous to the original homestead not exceeding, with the land in such original entry, 160 acres, or if the entryman elect they may relinquish the original entries and make new ones the same as though they had never made entries, except that no fees or commissions shall be exacted from the entryman for such additional or new entries. The residence which has been made upon the original entry will count as residence upon the additional or new entry in making final proof, and where satisfactory final proof has already been made on the original entry no proof on the additional or new entry will be required, but patent may issue.

This will be glorious news to thousands of persons anxious to acquire homes but deterred from doing so under existing laws. There is little doubt that the bill will pass the Senate as amended.

Copies of the bill can be had by addressing members of Congress.

HENRY N. COPP.

A sprinkle of snow on the mountain tops yesterday morning is a reminder that overcoats will soon be a necessity.

Miss L. E. Middlesworth has just received her winter stock of millinery direct from New York City, consisting of ladies and Misses hats, Tam O'Shanter, fascinators, laces, ribbons, etc. etc. Come early and make your selection.

It is now decided by a Multnomah county jury that any person bitten by a Siberian bloodhound, is entitled to \$400 from the owner of the brute. This decision was rendered last Thursday, in the case of A. E. Dunne vs. Wm. Plunder, in department of state circuit court.

"Prisoner," observed the Arkansas judge with impressive dignity, "while I have no objection to your addressing me familiarly when you meet me in my saloon, I wish you to understand this court when in regular session, tolerates no insolent familiarities from anybody, and I give you notice that the next time you address this court as 'Poker Jim' I shall kick you clear up through your shirt collar. Go on with the testimony, gentlemen."

NOTICE.

I have 2 thoroughbred Hereford and 1 Holstein Bull at Towerbridge's ranch, which I will exchange for mares.

NEWMAN H. COTTELL.

Strawberries, Strawberries! I will sell at my garden on the flat above Canyon City, two of the largest and best varieties of Strawberry plants—Geonada and Sharpless—which plants well filled will raise berries that measure in circumference from 1 to 8 inches and even larger, at the rate of 75 cents per hundred at the garden.

All those knowing themselves indebted to me for the delicious fruit for the past years must come to time by the first of November.

JOHN A. GARRISON.

Wheat Raisers, Attention! Notice to wheat raisers is hereby given that we will grind Wheat for pay at the rate of 50 cts. for every 100 lbs of Flour turned out, provided it is brought in quantities not less than fifty bushels; otherwise we will exchange Flour for Wheat. Further, that we will guarantee the flour equal to the very best, provided good wheat is furnished.

Highest Market Price paid for Wheat.

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John Day City, Sept. 26, 1888.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, '88.

The crowd of spectators present when Ex-Senator Thurman addressed the United States Supreme Court this week in the Bell Telephone case, was unusually large, the small space allotted to the general public being packed with people. Justices Gray and Matthews were absent. There was a general smile among the spectators when Judge Thurman laid his bandanna and snuff box on the table, a smile in little Chief Justice Fuller participated. The speech, occupied about thirty-five minutes, and from the nature of the subject was heavy and dry. Mr. Thurman appeared much stronger than when he arrived last Saturday, and spoke with energy.

After his speech, Judge Thurman went over to the office of Secretary of the Senate and held quite a levee. Senators of both political parties came up to shake his hand, and congratulate him. How much mental reservation there was in some minds need not be estimated. The result in November is so doubtful that every candidate is a power until after election. Then the bandanna will be either the proud insignia of a victorious host, or the reviled rag that led a lost cause. On Tuesday evening the President, Judge Thurman, Representative Scott, and Speaker Carlisle met at Oak View for a council of war. The three cornered majority fight in New York is said to have been the main subject of consideration.

The bill introduced in the Senate to pay the widow of Chief Justice Waite the balance of a year's salary, \$8,745, around a great deal of ill feeling. Senator Berry insisted that there was no precedent for such an action. Senator Edmund replied that Bushong as Marshall, Taney and Chase died without having wives, a precedent could hardly be expected. Senator Hoar called attention to the fact that the balance of a year's salary is always paid to the widows of Senators and Representatives. Mr. Berry afterwards withdrew his call for years and nays, adding that Justice Waite must have been a very extravagant man, and that the bill would go through the House. With due respect to the elder Berry, there can be no doubt of the ultimate passage of the bill. Fundamentally it may be wrong, but is consistent with all recent legislation.

The report of Senator Hale's special investigating committee, went to the Senate on Wednesday, making a printed document of about 50 pages. The report alleges rewards of Federal employees on trumped up charges of partisanship, participation of Democratic employees in political conventions, political assessments unpunished, and the violation by the president of civil service pledges. Most of the charges are such as have been frequently discussed in the newspapers. No action was taken.

Senator Hiseock of New York had one day to himself this week and delivered a lengthy tariff speech. The argument advanced were those usually advanced in favor of protection, though the speech was not violently partisan. The Senator insisted that the Mills bill was selfishly sectional. Mr. Hiseock retains the excellent speaking qualities that so greatly distinguished him in the House.

The informal conference of Republican Senators as to adjournment, was productive of no decision. There is a doubt as to whether a quorum of the States could be held in Washington, if the tariff bill was continued beyond next week. The democrats say that the Senators want to go home, and are afraid to go. Senator Ingalls says that you can expect an adjournment when you see it.

In the House, Mr. E. B. Taylor's announcement that he would object to any further legislation except on pension or appropriations, is accepted as a republican longing to adjourn. Mr. Dougherty also raised the point of "no quorum" and on Wednesday demanded that the journal be corrected to show that the Electoral Count bill passed without a quorum. This being promised, he contained his soul in patience. Both sides are afraid of adjournment.

Secretary Whitney is informed that a canal boat has just run plumb into the new cruiser Baltimore and broken her rudder. The department will investigate. If there were a quorum in the House, it might be well to pass a law punishing with fine canal boats which injure our navy. The American navy should not be wantonly injured by careless and muscular canal boats.

The individual expenses allowed in contested election cases in the House amounted to \$25,430. Speaker Carlisle was allowed \$1,207.

At Spokane Fall, W. T., the other night the county jail was broken and 21 prisoners made their escape.

QUEER USES OF ELETRICITY

Extracts From the Rural Press.

Remarkable Cure of Blindness.

Hillsboro Independent.

Charles Brugger, living a few miles east of Hillsboro, has nearly recovered from blindness induced by measles, under the successful treatment of Drs. Darrin, of Portland. Under the advice of a physician of this place, Charley says, he went to a prominent oculist in Portland for treatment, but that gentleman told him he would have to go and remain at the hospital if he treated him. Further, he did not think his left eye could be cured. The boy then consulted the Drs. Darrin and they agreed to treat him outside the hospital, he coming to their office a few times each week. The treatment has been a success. From nearly total blindness, he has almost recovered his former power of vision, and called at this office one day this week asking that the marvelous cure be made public. The sight of the right eye is fully recovered, and the left eye gives no pain and is being rapidly cured. This remarkable cure indicates that the Drs. Darrin are eminent oculists and are entitled to a high seat in the medical profession of this state.

Open Letter From Ex-Gov. Hill.

ALBINA OR., Oct. 4, 1888.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that our little son Cloud, who is now four years old, was afflicted with discharging or running sore eyes at the age of 5 months old, caused by severe cold, and continued to grow worse until the odor from it was so bad a times it was almost unbearable. He also had severe ear aches. About the first of April, this year, we took him to Drs. Darrin, 231 1/2 ft. street, Portland, who commenced treating him, and in three months he was cured and well, and he hears as good as can be. The cure is perfectly satisfactory in every particular, and we can cheerfully recommend the doctors and their treatment to those similarly afflicted.

MR. & MRS. C. H. & M. A. HILL.

A Quick Cure.

Sanity Star.

One of the quickest cures performed by the Drs. Darrin took place on Sunday last. On Friday there arrived in the city from Clatsop county a miner by the name of E. Stalnaker. His left knee was swollen so that it filled the leg of his pantaloons tightly. He called on the doctors on Saturday and took one of their electro-magnetic treatments, which, with a liniment rubbed on, so reduced the swelling that the knee was reduced down to its normal condition in twenty-four hours. Mr. Stalnaker was cured and is very grateful to the doctors for curing him. The swelling was caused by exposure and injury in the mountains and would have resulted in the loss of the leg if a cure had not been effected in time. Mr. Stalnaker is a man entirely without means, yet to the credit of Drs. Darrin he said they treated him free of charge and gave him five dollars worth of medicines besides. This case is certainly the most remarkable for being a quick cure the Northwest has ever had in its boundaries. Mr. Stalnaker now resides in East Portland P. O. Box No. 368.

Deafness Cured in Twenty Minutes.

Northwest.

As a reporter of the Northwest was coming down First street just after lunch on Tuesday last, and as he came in front of Meier & Frank's mammoth store, he saw an old gentleman enter whom he thought he knew and whom he wished to see on business, so the reporter followed him in. When he came up to him it proved not to be the person sought but an old German by the name of Geo. H. Papenberg, about 55 years of age, who lives at Tualatin post-office, Washington county, and who is well known. Entering into conversation the old gentleman made the following remarkable statement: "I was deaf in my right ear for ten years and in my left one for about a year and a half. I was so deaf that the people had to hollow loud to me to make me hear. Dr. Darrin gave me one treatment of about twenty minutes, and I can now hear as well as ever. There is no mistake about my hearing now, and I am well satisfied."

Had to be Led to the Doctor's Office.

Daily News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Auatin are stopping at the International hotel, this city. There is nothing remarkable in that, but what is most wonderful is the fact that she had been blind from an eye affliction of nine months, standing so bad that she had to be led to the doctor's office. Her good genius prompted her to visit Dr. Darrin, and after a three months course of office and home treatment she now rejoices in a permanent cure. Mrs. Austin is well known in East Portland, and her

husband is in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co.

Deafness Cured after Thirty-six Years.

Mr. Editor—Dear Sir: I wish you to state in your paper that Dr. Darrin, of 235 Fifth street, Portland, has successfully treated my right ear for almost total deafness of thirty-six years' standing. Too much cannot be said for his new cure for deafness by electricity. I will answer any inquiries at Jacksonville, Or. My age is 72. WM. KOHLER.

OFFICE HOURS AND PLACE OF BUSINESS.

The doctors can be consulted at 235 Fifth street, corner of Main, Portland, from 10 to 1 daily; evenings, 7 to 8; Sundays, 10 to 12. All curable chronic diseases, loss of manhood, blood taints, syphilis, gleet, gonorrhea, stricture, spermatorrhea, seminal weakness or loss of desire of sexual power in man or woman, catarrh and deafness, are confidentially and successfully treated. Cures of private diseases guaranteed. Circulars sent free. Most cases can receive home treatment after a visit to the doctor's office.

Drs. Darrin have a branch office at Walla Walla, W. T., where they can be consulted at the Stine House.

LOG CABIN SUCCESS.

What ails the young man? Robert Garrett's father left him a fortune of twenty millions. He was from childhood reared in luxury; he received a splendid education with an especial training into a thorough knowledge of railroad management and was expected to succeed his father as a railroad king. Within three years after the responsibilities which his father's death threw upon him were assumed, he is reported a broken down man, with mind and health permanently shattered.

George Law is another young man left with millions of money, who is reported among the "wrecks." His father, bred a stone mason, was of gigantic size and strength, with commensurate brain power, so he became a great contractor, then a railroad king and left half a dozen millions for his son to dissipate. The young man is a success as a dissipator.

The founders of both of these great estates were born in the most humble walks of life, grew strong, mentally and physically, by simple living and honest labor and developed into financial giants. Their sons were reared in the lap of luxury and developed into intellectual pigmies.

The great men of our country have not, as a rule, come from the elegant mansions of the cities, but from the Log Cabins of the rural districts. Simple ways of living, freedom from dissipation and envying pleasures, simple remedies for disease, effective and which leave no poison in the system, develop brains, brainy men, who compel the world to recognize their strength and power.

The wholesome, old-fashioned Log Cabin remedies are the safest and surest for family use. Our grandmothers knew how to prepare the teas and syrups of roots, herbs and balmums which drive disease out of the system by natural methods and leave no after ill effects. The most potent of these old-time remedies were, after long and searching investigation, secured by H. H. Warner of safe cure fame, and are now put out for the "healing of the nations" in the Warner's Log Cabin remedies.

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