

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Feeding cattle is pretty general now, and many of them are very poor.

Judge Dustin has moved with his family to their ranch west of town.

Baker county's apportionment of taxes for running expenses this year is \$50,992.33.

Public school, after an intermission of two weeks, has resumed business at the old stand.

Skating has "been fine," and nearly everybody took advantage of its pleasures and dangers.

Belva Lockwood ran twice as well in Kentucky as in New York. She received three votes in all.

Attorney S. S. Denning of the supposed soon to be Hamilton county, smiled on our town this week.

A postoffice will be established at the Monumental mine, and the mail route extended from Granite.

La Grande proposes to make a vigorous effort to secure the location of the Union county seat at that place.

N. H. A. Mason arrived in town Saturday evening on business connected with the estate of the late Chas. Lux.

Residents of Granite and Olive mining districts are making an effort to become attached to Baker county by act of the legislature.

Ice men took advantage of the late "cold snap" and secured a bountiful supply of five to seven inch cakes of this necessary product.

The Newyears edition of The Dalles Times-Mountaineer was a superb number, replete with information concerning Eastern Oregon and Washington.

Cash advances made on wool for consignment to Christy & Wise, San Francisco.

Coffin & McFarland, Agts. of Arlington, Or.

Jas. Mahon had a valuable horse to die Sunday night. He drove the animal into town from Harney last week, since which time he had been ailing, and eventually died.

Mr. Geo. Owen, who used to mine here in the early days, but now residing at Spanish gulch, was in the city this week in company with Mr. W. H. Johnson of Dayville.

Baker City is now lighted by gas—not the natural product, but pure bona-fide gas, her gas company having succeeded in placing the plant in position and getting it into successful operation.

The legislature assembly of the great state of Oregon will convene at Salem next Monday. We are all more or less interested and anxious to know what disposition will be made of Grant county.

The gallows and scaffold for the execution of McGinnis have been completed, and unless the governor should grant a respite the murderer will pay the penalty of his crime one week from next Friday.

It is reported that Capt. A. W. Waters will go to Salem to lobby in favor of the new county over at Long Creek. Then that do settle it. It is bound to go all right if the captain favors such a scheme.

Grant county has the most horses and mules of any county in Oregon, 16,825. It also leads in cattle with 47,118. Crook county is at the head in sheep with 221,756. Lane county is the greatest grunter, with 7,825 hogs.

In reply to numerous inquiries we will state that no bounty is offered by Grant county on Eagle scalps. These proud birds, emblems of American liberty, can roam in safety so far as the law is concerned, but if stockmen desire to slaughter them for their own protection they may do so.

A sheriff's trial was in progress before his Hon. Judge W. P. Gray the latter part of last week, where in Joseph Pruitt was claimant vs. W. J. Galbreath plaintiff in the suit and contestant. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the sheriff, and decided that the property in dispute was the property of Tillary Pruitt.

Spinks, the opium fiend and vagrant, who was given two days to leave Grant county and never return, met with pretty much the same experience at Baker City recently. He was arrested for larceny from a Chinese opium den, but released on condition that he depart from the city on the first train, which liberal proposition he accepted.

A private letter to the News from Mt. Vernon states that Wm. Geary, the wild and woolly cougar slayer of modern times, of whom mention was made in these columns recently, killed four more of the destructive animals the other day, making eight inside of two weeks. The letter suggested the advisability of the county court removing the bounty from these animals for fear that they might soon become extinct.

Hay and wood teams are busy. Division, or no division, that is the question.

Trot out your weather prognosticators for Eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bonham of the upper South Fork country have been visiting in our city.

Thirty good men were selected as jurors in the justice's court of this precinct for the year 1889 last Monday.

The bill for the creation of "Hamilton county" will leave Dixie mountain to the Grant county folks.

Tommy McCuen made a trip over his stage line to our city this week, looking after the business of the line.

Gus Caspary, the "Wild Datchman" of Haystack, was in our city this week on "county division" business.

A late telegraphic dispatch from Washington says the president and Mrs. Cleveland walked to church through the bright sunshine.

Commissioners McHaley and Davis were at the seat of justice and at their post of duty early this term of Co. court, as usual.

A spotted dog committed suicide down the creek last week by means of a rock tied around his neck by some boys, and then thrown into the water.

The present term of commissioners' court will be a busy one, as the reports of the various road supervisors must be acted upon and new supervisors appointed.

Coffin & McFarland, of Arlington intend opening a large store in Heppner on or before the first of March, thus securing the trade of a large number of the wool raisers of Grant county.

Hon. Thos. Howard who is in town from his home at Drewsey informs us that the new U. S. land office at that place is almost ready to receive filings and transact any other business in its line.

The dedication of the new I. O. O. F. temple at Prairie City last Saturday was pretty generally attended by members of the Masonic and Odd Fellow societies together with their families, and the occasion passed off very pleasantly.

Two dog catchers in New York knocked a lady down and beat her to capture a pet dog which she carried in her arms. They got a year each in the penitentiary for their enterprise and ought to get another in a dog-kennel, chained.

Our outside visitors this week were quite numerous, and those who are not already mentioned in the paper are Messrs. J. W. Greenwell and Lyman Perkins of Dayville, and J. P. Gearheart and Fred Bliss of Drewsey, who each remembered the News office.

Four years ago this month it will be remembered that snow laid all over the plains of Eastern Oregon to the depth of from eighteen inches to three feet, and in the mountains about seven feet. This year there is none, and the question naturally arises are we to have any snow in 1889.

Montana shows up the banner mining territory for 1888. Her product exceeds \$40,000,000. It is enough to give every man woman and child in the Republic two-thirds of a dollar each. It is a wonderful exhibit. That product enters into competition with no other product; on the other hand, by making money cheap, it enhances the product of every other man's labor.

Numerous inquiries have been made lately to the News man in regard to the bounty on the scalps of wild animals which is offered by Grant county. That all the readers of the paper may be correctly informed we will state that the bounties offered are as follows: On each cougar or panther \$10.00; wild cat lynx or catamount \$1.00; wolf or coyote \$1.00; black tail rabbit 2c.

Quite a stir in social circles has been created lately based upon a "confession" of Pat McGinnis and the statements of certain "private detectives," whereby suspicion rested upon two residents of our town (relatives of the deceased) of being implicated in the killing of deputy sheriff Lockwood. Affidavits have been filed, however, showing and substantiating the fact of the whereabouts of these two persons on the evening of the tragedy.

Mr. Denning who has been looking over the records during the week to obtain facts and figures in relation to the new county, informs us that Hamilton county will start out with an assessment roll of \$500,000. In order to derive sufficient revenue to run a county government taxes must necessarily be very high in the new county. If they are looking to segregation as a means of escaping their share of Grant county's debt it may prove a bad move, for they may have an almost equal debt of their own even before they are aware of it.

Subscribe for the News. Next summer's ice about all harvested.

A revival of religion is in progress at Baker City.

Californians are greatly opposed to the bill for the division of their state.

After all, this world is a dangerous place—very few ever get out of it alive.

We notice ex-county representative Geo. Kinsley on our streets this week.

The entire country can boast of exceptionally good roads for winter time.

Who ever saw so much sunshine and fine weather during the month of January?

A man may sit in your office all day and not be a bore, provided he will listen while you talk.

Jake Simons will shortly take a position as driver on the Baker end of the Baker-Canyon stage line.

Mr. D. B. Rinehart the apple and cider man still makes his usual trips to this city and John Day with his goods.

Cattle on a thousand hills are finding but little grass just now, yet they are rustling around to the best of their ability.

The warehouses of Z. F. Moody at The Dalles and Arlington, since the 13th of April last, received and shipped 4,217,477 pounds of wool.

Faith cure has split one of the Minneapolis churches and is raiding several others. If faith will cure soft corns it will bankrupt every church in America.

The Chinese Empress and her assistants have been selected at last. The Emperor's name is Gong, and his nurse has not long done beating him, for he is a young chap.

The young men of Canyon City are preparing to get up a gymnasium for their mutual benefit and diversion. Such a place will give all an opportunity to spend an hour's time very pleasantly.

There seems to be some prospect for an advance in the price of wool, as there is a shortage in the supply on hand, compared with last year's supply, of over forty million pounds.

Two North Carolina negroes nearly beat each other to death the other day, in a quarrel about the high merit and social standing of the respective masters who owned them before the war.

The conscience of McGinnis does not seem to smite him in the least. He was taken out one day last week and shown the gallows on which he will be hanged, but the thought of death did not trouble him in the least.

The Long Creek Eagle's pluck when displayed cannot but be admired. When the News treats on its corns it utters such noble and soul-stirring "screams" as "liar" "silly," etc. Come over and take something, Cholly.

February 15th all taxes for the year 1888 will become delinquent, and the same not being paid on or before that date will have costs of collection added. Death and taxation, remarked a wise man, are two things which we cannot escape.

The Commission to locate a naval station for the North Pacific coast, has reached San Francisco, on its way to examine suggested points for this improvement, and it is said they have already decided to locate the same on Puget Sound.

Call a girl a chick, and she smiles; call a woman a hen, and she howls. Call a young woman a witch, and she is pleased; call an old woman a witch, and she is indignant. Call a girl a kitchen, and she rather likes it; call a woman a cat, and she will hate you. Queer sex!

The Salt Lake Tribune asserts that there is a Mormon scheme on foot to dismember the Territory of Idaho and partition it off to the adjacent Territories. This, it is alleged, is for the purpose of getting all the Mormon population into the territory of Utah, and then bid their time to slip into the Union in some party exigency.

According to a decision of a Kansas judge both husband and wife are entitled to enter a place of amusement on a ticket reading "Admit one." This is glorious news to editors of country journals, for when they do nine dollars worth of advertising for a "comp." they can rest assured that they will not be compelled to attend the show alone.

A silver certificate, said to be an excellent imitation of the genuine, is in circulation in the east, and there may be some on this coast. The only imperfection in the engraving of these bogus certificates is in the vignette of General Grant. The right side of his face is indistinct, and to control this fault the certificates have been soiled and rubbed so as to make the entire portrait somewhat blurred. Look out for them.

G. A. R. Anniversary Ball, Feb. 22, 1889. See particulars later, etc.

A Boston woman when writing to invite a friend to dine with her does not dare to affix "N. B." to her letter lest it be interpreted "no beans."

The buffaloes are nearly all gone, and now it is reported that only 5000 elephants are left in the world. If you want a new elephant now is the time to buy.

Mrs. Selby—"Doctah, de chile dun gone swaller 'r pint ob ink." Doctor—"Hab yo' dun enyving to de relief ob 'im?" Mrs. Selby—"Use dun made 'im eat free sheets of blotting-paper, doctah. Was dat right?"

Senator Mitchell has secured the passage in the Senate of the bill which had already passed the house to provide certain arms and ammunition and equipage to the state of Oregon for its militia. The bill is now in the hands of the president for his signature.

Senator Blair has introduced an amendment to the Federal Constitution turning the common schools over to the control of the United States, and requiring that the Christian religion shall be taught in them. The amendment should also define the Christian religion, for there is a difference of opinion about it.

"When a man dies suddenly, without having been attended by a doctor," says a popular guide to the law, "the coroner has to be called in and an inquest held to ascertain the cause of death." But, adds the writer, "when he dies after having been attended by a doctor, everybody knows why he died, and an inquest is not necessary."—New York Ledger.

The country is being flooded with alluring circulars and "confidential letters" from attorneys in Washington and elsewhere, who want to help collect the claims of Oregonians for Indian war depredations—for a consideration, of course perhaps twenty-five per cent. All of them should be entirely ignored. Not one of them can do a claimant a dollar's worth of service. The claims will be allowed just as soon, and for just as large an amount, if these attorneys should all die right now.—East Oregonian.

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The Prineville stage upset in going up the Deschutes hill last Monday, killing a Chinese passenger. One of the horses got his bridle off and as there was danger of the stage rolling down the hill Mr. Evans who was driving called to the passengers to jump out. Mr. King did so, Hamilton the driver being at the time walking. The stage rolled down the hill taking the Chinaman along. He was found badly bruised about the head, and unconscious, dying a short time after. The body was brought here to be buried.—Wasco Sun.

The Salem Statesman says: "Col. W. H. Waters has received a letter from his brother, Capt. A. W. Waters, stating that the '101' excitement has about died out in the Harney country and that he has not been molested in any way since he dared the desperadoes to come to his door and have 'death kiss their eyelids down.' The decided taken by Capt. Waters, who is one of the coolest and bravest men who ever peeped over the sights of a rifle, had much to do with the suppression of this gang of lawless ruffians, who wished to run every man who did not 'stand in' out of the country. They found he was a hard man to handle and accordingly they left him alone. He will remain in the Harney country and his many friends here need have no fear of his safety." Capt. Waters is indeed a brave man and a great hero, and the News recommends him to the nations of the world who are in quest of a great leader for their armies. The nation which secures his services is bound to come off victorious in war, for a man who will calmly say to a "howling mob of desperadoes," "come and let me kiss your eyelids to sleep with a trusty Winchester," as a leader of armies ought to be a decided success. That 101 dodge was pretty well carried out, and Capt. Waters no doubt had his share of fun out of it. What is strange about the matter is that it all occurred in the year 1882, and that the report of the board has been approved by the acting secretary of war, and the amount reported to the secretary of the treasury, under the provisions of the act. Senator Dolph says that appropriation for payment of the amount will undoubtedly be made during the present session of congress.

RELIGION'S FINANCIAL STRUGGLE.

Ever since the beginning of the Christian era, says Bill Nye, from the time the first request was made for necessary funds to spread religion over as large a territory as possible, from the earliest and simplest religion down to the intolerance and carers of the Puritans, and the more refined and spectacular devotion of to-day, the great problem, as I may say, has been how best to save the largest number of souls and still pay expenses. Every means, from the sword and the rack down to the bean-bag and the humorous lectures, have been employed to woy the coy and reluctant scudi from its lair. Gentle words, kind glances, melting tears, unanswerable logic in the pulpit and the pleadings of the press have united to build churches and to spread the gospel in order to make men better and to bless the world. (Women were good enough to start with.) But what a battle it has been to make religion self-supporting! How many pangs, and tears, and heart-burnings, and auction-cakes with frosting on them it has cost. The financial history of religion in America has been one of uninterupted struggle, alternate hopes and fears, oppression, exhilaration, apprehension and indigestion. Worst of all, however, good methods fell into bad hands. The unscrupulous sought to profit by the generosity and charitable motives of the people, and so new methods have given place to old ones. Progress has marked the whole history. Torture and the clash of arms have given place to the grab bag and the arts of peace.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATIONS.

At the regular meeting of Hoboh Lodge No. 22 last Thursday evening the following new officers were installed by Phil Metschau, D. D. G. M.:

M. D. Clifford, N. G. J. J. McCallough, V. G. Peter Kahl, Sect'y. D. G. Overholt, Treas. J. A. Whitman, W. G. L. Hazlett, C. G. L. Rickard, S. G. W. Part, L. S. N. G. N. H. Boley, R. S. V. G. Chas. Timms, L. S. V. G. D. L. Asbury, R. S. S. T. G. Smith, L. S. S.

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The nations which still eat with the fingers defend the practice on the ground of cleanliness. A Umattila gentleman regards the use of a fork much as we should think of the use of a borrowed toothpick. He is troubled by the reflection that it has been in other mouths and that some lazy swine may have neglected to wash it properly. The care of his fingers is in his own charge, and he knows that they are clean and that they have never been in any one else's mouth.

The town of Eureka, at one time one of the most flourishing mining camps in Nevada, is gradually, but surely being deserted. Everything there is on the retrograde and there is nothing, even of a prospective feature, to check the steady decline that is taking place. Those who are leaving the old town say that it is doomed and those who remain do so from the fact that they, as a general thing, have property that they will not abandon until a general and final exodus takes place.—Ex.

The acting secretary of war has replied to Senator Dolph's letter asking for information as to the probable date when final action would be had by the war department on Indian war claims in Oregon, under the act of 1882. The acting secretary of war, in a letter to Senator Dolph, says that the board of examiners for state war claims have reported, under date of the 22d ult., that the expenses of the state of Oregon, incurred in suppression of Indian hostilities in 1877 and 1878, were \$38,132, and that the report of the board has been approved by the acting secretary of war, and the amount reported to the secretary of the treasury, under the provisions of the act. Senator Dolph says that appropriation for payment of the amount will undoubtedly be made during the present session of congress.

During eleven months of last year 456 couples were divorced in San Francisco.

Mrs. Nancy Harris, the 15-year-old wife of a farmer living at Paris, Ind., last Tuesday gave birth to triplets.

The phonograph shows that a man's voice has not the same sound to himself that it has others, thus finally explaining why some people persist in singing.

Wool to the amount of 18,000,000 pounds is not a small lot of wool. But this is the amount of wool produced in the Columbia river region in 1888.—Oregonian.

A cave of unknown extent has been discovered in the Huachuca mountains, near Tombstone, Ariz. A lake of pure water occupies the bottom of the cave, around the margin of which were found human bones and a quantity of ancient pottery.

Last September a man named Charles Brockins skipped out from Union county after having robbed over half a dozen houses and taking property entrusted to his keeping by friends. The grand jury found five or six indictments against him and Sheriff Hamilton commenced searching for him. He finally learned that Brockins had gone to Oswego, New York, so he telegraphed to the sheriff there to arrest and hold him until a requisition could be obtained and an officer sent to bring back the fugitive. Brockins was arrested and Sheriff Hamilton came to Salem to secure the necessary requisition. On arriving here he was refused the papers by Governor Pennoyer, who thought the gravity of the offence was hardly commensurate with the heavy expenses that would be entailed in bringing the man all the way back from New York for trial. Accordingly Sheriff Hamilton was obliged to telegraph to the New York sheriff to release his man, Brockins was released after being in jail for three weeks, and, thinking he was out of the woods had the gall to sue the New York sheriff for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment. Then Sheriff Hamilton was appealed to to get his brother sheriff out of the scrape. He in turn appealed to Governor Pennoyer and on Monday the requisition was issued with the express agreement and understanding that the state of Oregon should be liable only for the actual expenses of the sheriff while carrying out his mission. So Sheriff Hamilton will be obliged to go all the way to New York and back, catch his prisoner if he can find him and bring him back to Oregon without a cent of compensation.—Salem Statesman.

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Will the clerks of districts No. 21, 30, 42 & 48 please send me their address? I have important communications to make to them. E. HAYES, County Supt.

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Some political prophets aver that we shall. Be that as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the armory of medicine furnishes, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to the immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of common occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial scope of this especially wholesome and genial medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and kidney troubles; its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequalled thoroughness.

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