

Grant Co. News.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

We have had an inch or two of snow for which let us be proportionately thankful.

Hon. L. B. Ison has gone to California on a brief trip in the hope of benefiting his health.

Mr. Woodhall writes to the Long Creek Eagle that he is about to check all division bills in the legislature.

At the firemen's ball Thursday evening 39 numbers were sold, and those attending the ball seemed glad they were present.

Nevada is thinking of organizing a legal state lottery, arguing that as long as Nevadans will gamble the state might as well have some goal of it.

Miners in the vicinity of Granite seem hopeful notwithstanding the prospects of a dry season. If they cannot work placer ground they will prospect quartz.

Parties from Granite with whom we have conversed are of the opinion that the coming summer will witness some important mining deals in that portion of Grant county, as capitalists are becoming interested.

If Frank Howard, the convict who cut off his left hand to escape manual labor, cannot be made to work otherwise, a tread mill is to be constructed for his use which he will be required to tread twelve hours a day to save his life.

The average salary paid male teachers in this state in the year 1885 was \$48.22, and in the year 1886 was \$46.20, and of females it was for 1885 \$36.96 and for the year 1886 it was \$34.65, thus showing that teachers' wages are declining.

If the city of Portland expects to impress eastern visitors favorably with herself she must remove her coal population from the center of the city. Chinatown is right in the heart of this aspiring city, and is a disgrace to its boasted civilization.

Owing to the sudden illness of Judge Fee and the departure of Judge Ison for California the term of court which should have convened at Union on Monday last week was adjourned until next regular term, but a special term may be called.

The editor of the News returned home during the week after a vacation of two weeks. While absent we made a flying trip to Portland, but beheld nothing worthy of mention in the columns of the News, except the unusually fine weather met on every hand.

The legislature has one day more to remain in session. As yet they have done little else but "introduce bills," which in the aggregate number away up into the hundreds—but hold! We do them an injustice. The members of the House did sit to have their pictures taken one afternoon.

There is headed this way, from California, says the Salem Journal, one of the most larv-faced swindlers of the age. He has in his overcoat pocket a few bunches of lampwicks, colored a light bluish tint, which he claims possess a chemical property that when placed in a coal oil lamp will cause a brilliant light and keep the oil from consuming. He claims that with one of the wicks placed in the lamp the oil will not burn out for six months. He is a smooth city tongued talker and succeeds in disposing of a large number of the wicks at twenty-five cents apiece. He would sell no more than six in one house," according to instructions from the wick-ed swindle. At night, after the lamps are lighted, the anxious housewife watches in vain for the oil not to disappear in the lamp as of yore, but it is no use, it burns out just as fast as ever and no better light is given.

J. R. Bowick one of the owners of the Monumental mine registered at the City hotel last week, paying a flying visit to the county seat. After calling at this office and subscribing for the News he mentioned that work was being pushed ahead in good style under the management of Mr. Mitchell, and that a camp of considerable liveliness would be seen in that section of the county during the coming season. The neighboring mines of Messrs. Cabell and Ike Klapp are showing up better than ever, and a sale of the old Cleaver property would most likely be effected in the next few weeks. A postoffice has recently been established and will be known as Elstow. This will not only be a convenience but a great saving, as Granite, nine miles distant has been the nearest office up to the present time. As there are a number of families residing at the camp a petition was forwarded to the county school superintendent, who has been pleased to divide the district, thus giving the children the advantages enjoyed by their city cousins. At no time during the winter, he says, has the roads been blocked with snow, the fall not exceeding two feet in any place. Placer mines therefore have but a poor outlook.

J. L. B. Vial & Son, Baker City jewelers, advertise in the News this week.

Breath't county Ky., which has been settled for a hundred years, is about to have its first newspaper.

This legislature will appropriate at least \$150,000 more than any other legislature that ever convened in the state.

At last Mrs. Harrison has decided what dress she will wear at the inauguration ball, and a free people breath much easier now.

Gentle spring, about which poets rave, was forced to take a back seat during the week, while the mercury went away down.

The Chinese are getting lamp chimneys from the United States. A Pittsburg firm recently shipped 1,000 boxes of them, or 6,000 dozen.

The Albany Democrat says Linn county's Representatives in the Legislature are making a good record—they are accomplishing nothing.

The "wires" must say something of Harrison daily, so the other day they brought the news: "Harrison passed a pleasant day. His only callers were Democrats."

It is not always the man who looks the wisest who knows the most; but most people don't know this, so that it will pay you to look just as wise as you possibly can.

In the circuit court of Unadilla county, J. H. Koontz was awarded \$17,000 damages in his suit against the O. R. & N. railroad company for burning his flouring mill.

Harney wants two-thirds of Grant county, and we hear there is a kick among her residents because that two-thirds has no fence around it. Harney is something like a hog by nature.

Let everybody rally around the star spangled banner and buy a ticket to the Grand Army Ball Friday night. Help the "Vets" who once so nobly helped your dear government.

At Albany Mrs. Jim Westfall, a descendant of Won Lung and a native worshiper at the shrine of Confucius, is attending the public schools and thereby creating an able bodied kick from the parents and scholars.

Queer folks in this world! Here is Dakota, jumping up and down and yelling like a wildcat to be taken into the Union, while New Mexico protests against coming in and hangs back like a "drunk" on his way to jail in a policeman's grip.—S. F. Alta.

A fellow not long since showed, near Buffalo, N. Y., a machine to explode and fire buildings with, and said that "the biggest fire ever known in Buffalo was to come off soon, then a big strike in New York City, then half that city should burn, and next Chicago must suffer." Two of his forecasters have happened, and some folks are getting alarmed.

See "ad" of Wright Bros., Baker City manufacturers of cigars. Nothing but the best of tobacco enters into their manufacture, and no diseased Chinese are employed. The Wright Bros. do their own work, and employ no traveling salesmen, therefore they are enabled to furnish a first-class article at a reasonable price. Send to them for a sample box by mail, and thus patronize American home industry.

The land offices have received instructions that will give parties living at a distance a great deal of trouble. The officers are instructed that where money and papers are received and the papers are incomplete, or from any cause the money cannot at the time be applied, that the money shall be immediately returned—or in other words, that no money shall be retained in the office except that belonging to the government.

The bill introduced in the legislature providing for the payment of all funeral expenses of Indian, Mexican and civil war veterans, provides that the claims shall be paid by the county where they reside. If the bill should become a law, Clatsop county would only have two millions to pay. We are in favor of pensioning all soldiers; we are in favor of giving them all the fat portion in the land; we are in favor of appropriating money to care for the widows and orphans of all soldiers of the late civil war, but we'll be damned if we think the county ought to pay all the funeral expenses of every square hunter in Clatsop county. If the National Government can't provide for its soldiers, and the expense must fall upon the county, it will be better to give the heirs of all the Mexican and civil war veterans a bill of sale of the county. If the property owners of Clatsop county have got to pay these funeral expenses, which have already been paid, then why not have the county pay funeral expenses and doctor bill of every one who dies within its boundaries. But then some men have got to introduce a bill.—Astoria Pioneer.

Rev. Goss will preach for us next Sabbath.

To-morrow we celebrate G. Birthington's Washday.

Parker & Prescott, furniture dealers of Baker City have an advertisement under head of "New to-day."

The Canyon City steam sash and door factory has been started up again by Messrs. Southworth & Southerland.

Cattle are looking bad in sections of our country, but as yet no great loss has occurred so far as we have been able to learn.

A young physician of Fall River, Mass., is laid up with a disease of the tongue, attributed to excessive cigarette smoking.

The name of Bully creek, Malheur county, has been changed to Alder creek, through the instrumentalities of Representative Napton.

Under head of "New to-day" will be found the "ad" of Pat Campbell, Baker City's wide-awake grocer. Pat will give you bargains.

What's in a name? Robert Good is in jail at Boulder, Montana, for horse-stealing. Robert was neither good at being honest nor getting away.

One by one the snowflakes fall, but they are not coming down with sufficient numerical strength to insure a great quantity of "snow water" to mines next summer.

Expect a heavy fall of snow—when you see it. In the event of no snow or rind expect a very dry spring. That is as far as our knowledge of the weather extends.

Joao Caetano da Silva Leonarides brought his bride and her new name over from Baker on three freight wagons last week. He went to Baker City to get married.

Mrs. Harrison will be the thirty-third lady to preside over the White House, although Mr. Harrison will be only the twenty-third President, and none of them were Mormons either.

Severe snow storms are reported throughout Austria and Switzerland. The storms in Germany continue. The railroads are everywhere blocked, and accidents are frequent.

Bro. Eds and Bro. Fleener are attending a church trial at Portland. We hope the brethren may prove themselves clear of every charge. Bro. Fleener especially, who was probably forced to kiss those two pretty sisters.

Tuesday night's mail, the last as the News goes to press, brings no information that Grant county has been divided, and from indications we are led to believe that no division will be had this session of the legislature.

Freight wagons have traversed the road between here and Baker City all this winter, and it looks as though the "spring breakup" would not deter them now, for the snow in the mountains is quite conspicuous for its absence.

"Is Washington's birthday observed in Texas?" asked a New Yorker, who was visiting in San Antonio. "Observed!" exclaimed the astonished native, "why, it's venerated. It takes four car loads of beer to fill the demand that sacred day."

Governor Penney's veto of the Portland water bill was sustained by the house the other day, and Portland is mad about it. She pays less than her share of tax already, without having a million and a half dollars exempt from taxation.

The case of Singletary et als vs. Mel Fenwick, secretary of the Harney Valley Dam and Ditch Co., is in progress and testimony is being taken in this suit, which was instituted to prevent the company from diverting the water from the main channel of Silver river.

An Indiana farmer named George Herdle died recently as the fool dieth. He draped himself with a white sheet and went on the road to fight a superstitious negro neighbor. The victim of the intended "practical joke" had an ax, however, and split the ghost's head open with it.—Alta.

Citizens of Harney are about to have a kind of a "Samoan difficulty" of their own in determining who shall be the executive of the new county should the bill for its creation pass. The "101" will no doubt insist on their favorites receiving the honors of appointment, while the "loyalists" will of course press their claims.

In another column mention is made of the report that leprosy exists among the Chinese in this neighborhood. Steps should at once be taken to ascertain the facts if any there be, and then to prevent the spread of this dreadful disease which leaves its victim in a condition ten-fold worse than death. An investigation of the truth of the rumor by the proper authorities can do no harm, and will, if no leprosy is found, lift a burden from the minds of the public.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

A correspondent writing to the News from Colorado, asks: 1st. What is the chance in your county for sheep raising on a small scale for a man of small means? 2nd. Have a few large capitalists gobbled the country? 3rd. Is the law respected? 4th. Can a man raise a garden for family use in the section devoted to stock raising?

The News will endeavor to give a truthful answer to his several inquiries: 1st. Very good indeed, if he can find a section that has not already been overrun by sheep. 2nd. No, but different ones are endeavoring to purchase large tracts of land in Grant county from settlers.

3rd. It is, most emphatically. Our county jail contains an inmate under sentence of death for failing to respect the laws. The majority of us respect the law and abide by its mandates. 4th. He can, in almost any section of Grant county, although he might in some places be compelled to hire a boy to herd pumpkins to prevent them tumbling out of the garden down the mountain side. Our soil will produce all kinds of "garden sags" abundantly, with irrigation.

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HARNEY ITEMS WARFARE.

Ed. News: We notice that the Oregonian has published several articles taken from the Harney Valley Items. In order that the public may not be misled, a few words of facts are herein stated: Some time ago the valiant Ed. of that paper asserted that he had received a communication signed "101," giving him notice to leave Harney valley within a certain time. No one in Grant county outside of him or his intimate co-agitators knew anything about the dreaded "101," nor have we since then heard of their existence. We know this however, that an old gentleman named Brown (at the time in the employ of Mr. Devine) was murdered, and that his slayer had a hurried examination before a justice in Burns and was discharged; that afterwards when the U. S. marshal under the sheriff on a new warrant he could not be found, and the Items went so far as to charge our sheriff with incompetency or rather cowardice, for not looking for his man at his home instead of searching for him all over the county, claiming that the man was at home and was secreting himself to avoid arrest. However the fact is, the man has not appeared and his whereabouts are unknown.

Last week again the Items in its labor to denounce certain land and stock owners had a long article asserting that the U. S. marshal under an order from the U. S. court, (Judge Deady) to eject certain men from lands owned by the Devine Company, exceeded his authority on account of a rumored decision of the Secretary of the Interior in regard to the lands in question, and thereupon recommending that the settlers take the matter into their own hands; in fact the article would do honor to an outspoken anarchist. Shortly after the publication a large lot of hay—over 100 tons—the property of Devine, was burned by unknown parties, and since then another reliable report comes that about 150 tons of hay belonging to Mr. Peter French was burned, also the work of some honest and peaceable settlers. The Items however makes no mention of such matters.

Comment is unnecessary. Since writing the above the Harney Items of Feb. 6, 1889, acknowledges the burning of Devine's hay, but says that a committee of respectable citizens have inquired into the matter and have been unable to obtain any trace of the perpetrators, and that the conclusion is that Devine himself or his hirelings have set the fire.

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DR. DARRIN VICTORIOUS.

Mr. Chapman writes as follows to Dr. Darrin: "My wife is still improving in health. The asthma cough and female troubles are nearly well—in fact better than she has been for twenty years. The entarrhal discharges into her throat are rapidly diminishing. Taking her case as a whole she is fifty per cent better, and she thinks there is no doctor on earth like Dr. Darrin. Yours gratefully, E. F. CHAPMAN, Springfield, Or."

Card From Mr. Einkley. Editor Mercury: I have been under Dr. Darrin's electric treatment for sciatic rheumatism for three months, and find myself about cured, and gladly subscribe in favor of electricity as the greatest curative power ever applied to my system. My father-in-law, Mr. Isaac Winegard, of Centralia, W. T., was successfully treated for asthma one year ago. Refer to me at Centralia, W. T.

W. T. HINKLEY. Names of Other People Cured Recently by Dr. Darrin. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Chase, Sandy, Or.—Ulceration of the womb, piles, sick headache, dyspepsia and catarrh of the bladder; cured. Andrew Anderson, Port Townsend, W. T.—Cross-eyed from paralysis of the outer muscles of the eye; cured by one operation. Mrs. L. K. Harman's son, Vancouver, W. T.—Cured of a loathsome case of entarrh and polypus of the nose; also her daughter of a tumor. C. Hesse, seven miles west of Fulton, Or.—Liver and kidney trouble, dizziness and pains over the whole system; restored to health. Charles Brigger, Hillsboro, Or.—Almost total blindness from effects of measles; restored after all other doctors said he was past cure.

Mrs. L. Mattson, East Portland, Or.—Catarrh, bronchitis, nervousness and sleepless nights and loss of flesh; cured and gained twelve pounds. Mrs. A. J. Quantel, 13th Railroad street, Tacoma, W. T.—Stoppage of tear-duct, causing tears to overflow down the cheeks cured by one operation. Mrs. Movie Gelfort, Seattle, W. T.—Boy 5 years old, deaf since 16 months old; discharging ears and catarrh entirely cured after several treatments.

J. S. Ryckman, Knappa, Or., can be referred to in reference to the successful treatment of himself and wife for skin diseases and catarrh, and other ailments. Frederick Mohs, Sprague, W. T.—Catarrh and bronchitis, general debility, etc.; cured. His wife cured also of dropsy and varicose veins, milk leg and running sore.

Dr. Darrin's Place of Business. Drs. Darrin can be consulted free at 235 Fifth street, corner of Main, Portland, and Baker's hotel Eugene City, Or., where they are permanently located. Office hours from 10 to 4 daily; evenings, 7 to 8; Sundays, 10 to 12. All curable chronic diseases, loss of manhood, blood taints, syphilis, gonorrhea, stricture, spermatorrhea, seminal weakness or loss of desire of sexual power in man or woman, entarrh and deafness are confidentially and successfully treated. Cures of private diseases guaranteed and never published in the papers. Circulars sent free. Most cases can receive home treatment after a visit to the doctors' office.

Frank Gilliam, E. G. Sperry and Pryor Wilson have been appointed commissioners to supervise the construction of the road from Hepper to Monument, which road the state is to construct.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when constive or bilious. For sale in 50c and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

Best Result, East Providence, R. I., June 18. While in the employ of the Boston Fire Co. applied your St. Jacobs Oil to many bad burns of the soldiers, and always with best results. GEO. W. HORTON.

Lander Fell, Galveston, Texas, June 22, 1888. Fell from ladder, broken and sprained by fall and wrist suffered five days, was cured by St. Jacobs Oil. J. H. WITTEZ.

Knee-Cap Hurt. Fall, Ind., Aug. 10, 1888. Knee-cap was hurt and I suffered 3 months. I wrote to home, the pain was cured by St. Jacobs Oil and have had no return of it. J. D. BROWN.

Dislocation. Joliet, Ill., May 26, 1888. Dislocated shoulder 3 years ago, outside 8 weeks to home, the pain was cured by St. Jacobs Oil and have had no return of it. J. D. BROWN.

Horse-kick. Clark, O., June 15, 1888. Suffered 4 weeks from the kick of a horse, had to use case, two bottles St. Jacobs Oil cured me. J. C. HALL.

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