

LOCAL BREVITIES.

License petition of Williamson & Hillard under "New to-day."

Notice from U. S. land office at The Dalles under "New to-day."

There will be a social dance at Masonic hall to-morrow (Friday) evening. Everybody invited.

Cattle in Malheur county are said to be afflicted with blackleg. As usual it is more severe on young stock.

Harney folks are looking for and expecting big loads of Grant county fruit and vegetables. Start your peddler wagons.

Grant county's share of the state school fund apportioned for this year amounts to \$2,465.40—with 1,761 scholars at \$1.40 per head.

J. R. Baldwin, of Baker City, who attended circuit court here in the office of stenographer, died at Yaquina Bay a few days ago. Mr. Baldwin was at that place for the benefit of his health.

The Baker City National Bank with a capital of \$75,000 will be established and doing business in about ninety days, making two banks in Baker City. Wonder she has not had them before.

One remarkable fact connected with the year 1889 is that no yellowjackets are seen where last year they literally swarmed over hill and dale, annoying camping parties and stock almost to distraction.

Pry Wilson of the North Fork country shipped five carloads of mutton sheep from Heppner last week, we are informed. Shipping goes on at a lively rate, and still we have plenty of stock to spare.

Fish in Eastern Oregon streams will be scarce next year. The exceedingly dry summer has dried up the water, and as a consequence all the young fish and old ones too in many of the creeks have perished.

G. Adams and John Williams, charged with passing counterfeit coin at Baker City were at the preliminary trial last week held in the sum of \$1,000 each to appear before the next grand jury of Baker county.

Two deaths occurred in Oregon last week caused from persons pouring coal oil on the fire to make it burn. Fools who "didn't know the gun was loaded" and fools who kindle fire with kerosene should go hand in hand.

Henry Rinehart, register of the land office at La Grande, writes that he will order no more final proofs on land which lies in the jurisdiction of the Burns office, as proof must hereafter be taken at the new office.

Mr. J. L. Cummings will leave in a few days for his old home in Maine, taking with him twenty head of working horses. A large distance to ship horses, surely, but Mr. Cummings hopes to better himself by shipping there, as he can find but a poor market here.

Harry O'Brien was drunk and disorderly last week and raised the regular "Old Harry." He was locked in the colling house Thursday evening, and on Friday had an examination in Judge Rulison's court, the penalty imposed for his hilarious conduct being a fine of \$15 and costs, which Mr. O'Brien paid and went his way.

The Prineville News boasts about the weight and running qualities of Crook county's sheriff—who weighs 232 pounds—and says no other sheriff in Oregon can beat him in a 60-yard foot race. The Grant Co. News will back Grant county's sheriff in a race against him when his sheriff's foot gets well. His weight is 230.

J. H. Seward and Jas. Sweitzer, the two Harney valley squatters arrested and taken to Portland for trial, charged with resisting a deputy U. S. marshal, were each held in \$1,500 bonds by U. S. commissioner P. R. Dady. Failing to give the bond they languish in prison, where they no doubt reflect upon the uncertainty of life or liberty, and the certainty of their present surroundings.

The people of Burns and Harney valley ought to pay the editor of the Herald a bonus to let up for a time on the productiveness of his valley. It might be well enough for him to blow his horn on any ordinary occasion, but this season appears to be an "off" one. In almost every paper he speaks of the well watered valley and good crops, when it is well known that even the swamp land is rising in clouds of alkali dust. Immigrants arriving there must everlastingly curse such misleading assertions.

Thursday morning of last week a couple of tramps passed through town going north, and after they had passed it dawned upon the mind of sheriff Gray that they might be the identical persons wanted for the crime of robbing the Linkville-Ashland mail a short time ago. Accordingly, acting upon that impulse he started deputies Eds and Yorgerson after them. Friday morning, and the two suspicious travelers were arrested six miles above Prairie City and brought to jail, where they await developments and identification.

A lost sheep named Bill Lamb over in Lake county is canning the hams of jack rabbits and shipping them east to be used as food.

We understand two more children of Mr. John Luce are down with diphtheria, but as yet we have heard of no new cases outside of his family.

A. C. Young of John Day precinct will apply for a liquor license at the September term of county court, and publishes his petition this week.

Trefry Bro's have opened the New Hotel and will endeavor to give patrons as good meals and beds as can be had anywhere in the country. See their "ad" in another column.

Wm. Tureman, Jr., of the upper John Day, had a dispute with a man who was working for him the other day, and the fight which ensued the farm hand was dangerously injured.

The brace of tramps arrested on suspicion of being mail robbers were released yesterday morning, no advice having been received in response to the telegram sent below by the sheriff.

Last Saturday a few miles below Drewsey at the junction of the north fork and main stream of the Malheur a man named Sizemore was thrown from a horse and received a broken arm.

George McKay writes that a race will be run on the 14th of this month over the Pine Park track between the Lou Keeton horse and the Bailey horse of Bridge creek, for a purse of six hundred dollars.

George Nutting, the stock inspector, of Crook county who mysteriously disappeared several weeks ago has not been found, nor any trace of him. It is generally given up that he was murdered and his body secreted.

M. D. Clifford, Chas. Parrish and the News man paid a visit to the county seat of Harney county last week, the two lawyers on business and the printer—on his good looks. Harney is running smoothly, and her officers perfect gentlemen.

Tom Arnold, who was in the employ of the L.F. Co. over on the Malheur was thrown from a horse a few days ago, and the horse fell on him in such a manner as to strike his back with the saddle. Arnold is said to be in a precarious condition.

Hay Ak, the only China resident of Harney County was pounded almost to death last Thursday night by Tom Vickers, just because Hay Ak sat in a white man's wagon without any socks on his feet. They pay more attention to etiquette in Harney than is really necessary.

Dr. G. W. Barber, who has practiced his profession at this place for nearly two years, intends to leave with his wife for the east this week. Mrs. Barber's health being very poor she hopes by a change of climate to be materially improved. Only on that account does the Dr. leave Grant county.

The death of Chauncey Luce, which occurred Saturday evening, was a sad surprise to his friends, many of whom believed him in a fair way to recover, inasmuch as he had taken a turn for the better a few days previous. But our sore afflictions often come when we least expect them, and those near and dear to us may be called away in a time that we least think.

Sparta, Union county, which like Canyon creek in the early "sixties" was a prosperous mining camp is now attracting a whole lot of attention as a quartz producing section. A few old miners had faith to believe that where such rich placer deposits were found there must be ledges, and by diligent prospecting they found them. Now several prominent mines exist in the old camp and outside capital is being invested in their development. Weary prospectors, take courage from the history of Sparta.

Some one will lose his life in Harney county over land matters before the year is out we are afraid, and more than one person may meet their end upon the battlefield, for it seems that a general riot is the only safety valve for the pent up wrath of the squatters on the lands listed as swamp. Recently John Devine accompanied his men to a field in dispute for the purpose of hauling the hay, and after they had loaded three wagons they were met by about sixteen Winchester rifles in the hands of that number of men, when Mr. Devine was told that if he removed that hay he was a dead man. He wisely concluded that such might be the case, and acting upon his better judgment concluded to avoid any trouble. He therefore inquired of the mob where they wished the hay stacked, and on being shown ordered his men to stack the three loads for them, and then they retired to safer fields. The land in question was part of the tract which settlers had been enjoined from removing hay from, and they no doubt believing the papers a fraud had disregarded them. Time will show whether or not they were right; but in this one instance might have made right. The fact of mob rule in that country is deplored, though, by all law abiding citizens.

DROWNED IN THE MALHEUR.

A sad event occurred on the Malheur river about twenty miles above Vale last Saturday, in which Wm. Meador, Jr., of the upper John Day valley lost his life. From Arthur Mosier who brought the dead boy's remains over to the home of his relatives, we learn the particulars, which were as follows:

The Pacific Live Stock Co., by which the boys were employed were that day moving camp and holding a band of beef cattle, and coming to the river where there was a deep pool below a ledge of rocks, Meador and one of the other boys concluded to give their horses a swim. They had swam across several times, and the last trip they made the horse which young Meador was riding failed to keep his head above the water, and was sinking. In order to aid the horse he pulled on the reins, which threw the horse off his equilibrium and he threw his head out of the water, striking his rider in the face with such force as to stun him, when he fell off the horse and sank beneath the cruel waves.

Efforts to rescue him were of course immediately begun, but strange to say he never rose to the surface. Signal fires were built upon the river bank and soon the party was reinforced by Mr. McKinney, the foreman, and several other of the boys. From the time the accident occurred—about ten o'clock—until five that evening, divers worked to obtain the body, and the river was dragged without avail. At last a raft was made of logs and a wagon box, and upon this a party went out, and with the aid of a hook made from a brake rod succeeded in locating the body. By main strength it was pulled to the surface, when the mystery of its remaining beneath the water was explained. One of his spurs had caught in some driftwood or a crevice in the rock on the bottom of the river and hung there, and when the body was finally located and pulled to the surface the spur which had held it down was pulled off his foot.

A justice of the peace or coroner not being obtainable, no regular inquest was held, but Mr. McKinney took the testimony of the boys who witnessed the catastrophe and reduced it to writing, then immediately started a party with his remains to Prairie City. After traveling almost day and night they reached there Monday forenoon, where an inquest was held by Jas. Sullens, justice of the peace, the verdict being in accordance with the facts recorded in the foregoing.

All praise is due Mr. McKinney, foreman of the L.F. Co., for the numerous acts of kindness, and for the humane course he took in bringing the remains of the poor boy to his relatives. While they deeply feel the blow and deplore the loss of their loved one, they reap consolation from the fact that he was properly cared for and given a Christian burial.

The cucumber does its best fighting after it is down.

Baker county's school fund apportionment is \$2,721.60.

It is rumored that Fort Walla Walla is to be abandoned.

The hot snap is moderating a little, and everyone says "amen."

Johnny Hughes over in the Greenhorn district is owner of some good rock. One of his partners recently sold his interest in a ledge for \$7,000, but Johnny kept his half, and doubtless will realize much more than that.

County court was in session this week for the purpose of acting upon the report of the commissioners of the Pendleton-Canyon City wagon road. Inasmuch as the act passed by the legislature appropriating money for this road was for "the completion of the wagon road from Pendleton to Canyon City" the county court did not accept or approve the report, partly on the grounds that the new survey leaves the present traveled road before reaching the Grant county line and does not again intersect it until reaching Long Creek, and on the further grounds that the location that the location of the road is very unsatisfactory to the residents along the route. While the matter of goods is one of vital importance we believe the county court did a wise act in not making this a county road. The fact—constitutional or otherwise—of its deviating from the old road does not figure in the case materially, but there are a number of ranchers in the North Fork country who will object to the road being opened through their lands, and should the county court accept the survey and make the road a county thoroughfare then every one of these men would bring suit for damages and the county would be involved in lawsuits without number. If the road commissioners can build the road by compromising with these settlers then the same compromise of it without fear of injunctions and suits for damage.

DAYVILLE ITEMS.

Mr. Editor: You will kindly allow me a space in your most valuable paper, as the Telephone reporter seems to have failed. This being the case, I again take the pleasure of collecting a few of the most important events of the day.

Mr. Glover has added a new corner to his establishment on corner First and High streets, Dayville, Or.

Mr. Christie has been employed to put the finishing touches on E. Stewart's new house. Mr. Oliver has the two ends of the barn painted red.

The excitement of the boys at this place is gradually going down. The pretty presents have been chosen and the writer was too late, as I did not get to send a present with the balance.

Hay crops are very good considering the long spell of hot and dry weather. Most everyone is through haying and the rush is about over and we can now enjoy a few days in the shade.

Dan Murray had a rope stolen with a horse to the end of it a few weeks ago, and the same night Judge Greenville had his saddle stolen which was a bad deal on the Judge, as he had just given the saddle a good oiling.

Well, Lloyd, allow me to sympathize with you in your disappointment in getting up a personal picnic. You showed good taste in a selection of the ground and the good plan of cashing a few bottles of lager, oysters, and those ideas were well considered but however, a failure. A true saying is that a faint heart never won a fair lady, so think of this and try again, old boy.

I have just been reading the news of the great fight for the championship of the world which proves John L. the winner. I have just been told about a prize fight which took place here at Dayville. This contest was fought by the new rules, which is called the Dayville Kitchen Prize Ring Rules. The quiet batch was in this match, and I am surprised to hear that he did not win after about 10 years of the kitchen experience. The hot water plan should be considered a foul. The champion says he will not enter the ring any more according to these rules unless it be in defense of the cooks. Three cheers for his success.

FLYING BEE.

The Union Pacific pays \$2,000 to the person who shoots a train robber.

The Willamette river is two inches below low water mark at Salem.

The Indians have taken to baseball, and yet there are people who say Indians can not be civilized.

Dr. Mary Walker threatens to join the democratic party. Don't. There are already enough breaches in the democratic ranks.

John L. Sullivan is on a good old fashioned drunk and is still making the rounds of the Chicago saloons. Crowds follow him at all the places he visits.

The State fair promises to be more of a success this year than ever before. The attendance from Eastern Oregon will doubtless be much larger than ever.

The vault in the county clerk's office is being arranged systematically, so that when a paper or document is wanted it can be found at a moment's notice.

A correspondent wants, some hints on how to train a dog. Well, about as good a way as any is to train him as you would a morning glory vine—with a tight cord to a high hook. He will never bark if you train him this way.

It is stated that United States district attorney McArthur, assisted by W. Carey Johnson, appointed special attorney for that purpose, is now engaged in preparing bills in equity against the military wagon road companies of this state for the forfeiture of lands granted to them by the various acts of congress.

If Mr. Fisher of Toledo, Ohio is as successful in catching fish as he is in catching musical ideas—as he has led us to believe—he must certainly be an A. No. One Fisherman. His "Robin's Farewell," Caprice for Piano is a new piece that you ought to catch on. Igo. Fisher, Author and publisher, Toledo, Ohio. Price of same, 50 cents.

The Scientific American, of July 27, contains this mineralogical note: A specimen of fire opal 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches in size, evidently a water-worn fragment, was found near John Day river, in Crook county Oregon. It is transparent, grayish white in color, with red, green, and yellow flames. The play of colors exhibits in beauty that of any Mexican material, and it is the first opal found in the United States that exhibits color.

JOHN DAY DASHES.

Ed. News: Times are dull and items scarce in this burg.

The funeral of Chauncey Luce took place Sunday at 3 p. m.

Mr. James Norman is shipping fruit to the Long Creek country.

Died, three miles below John Day, Aug. 3rd, Chauncey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Luce. This has been a terrible blow to them and the heart of all go out to the grief-stricken parents in their bereavement.

We have been informed that on account of the terrible sickness at his home, Mr. John Luce has been unable or to get anyone to attend to his haying, and that his crops are spoiling. If this is so the farmers should congregate there as soon as possible and put his hay in the stack for him.

Your correspondent is willing to pitch hay in a case of this kind, and some one should take the lead in this matter.

The laborers are complaining of the treatment received of some of the farmers. They say the farmers want them to work from daylight until dark and for small wages and live on wind. It might be a good plan for the wage workers of Grant county to organize and make these China lovers pay living wages, for it is a well-known fact that no state in the Union pays so small wages during haying and harvesting as Oregon and yet hay sells at a high price all the time.

He changed his mind—Jim Streat who has been stopping at the ranch of Mrs. Thompson, two miles below John Day, packing up the broken bones received while celebrating the 4th of July at John Day, thought he was tired of this life and would take a trip over and see old Salt Peter, he asked Chas. Skinner and Geo. Hagity to get him some strychnine, that he wanted to die. Skinner said all right, if you want to die I'll give you a dose that will fix you. Winking at Geo. they went out and got a big dose of salt which Skinner told him to drink and that would knock his heels up quick, but Jim had changed his mind which will be very gratifying to his many friends in the Malheur.

LARK.

When a washerwoman changes her place of residence one may ask her "where she hangs out now" without using slang.

Petroleum has been discovered in Canada containing 91 per cent. of lubricating oil and 5 per cent. of heavy. This is the best oil ever found.

The report of the First National Bank of Prineville, shows loans and discounts to the amount of \$55,857.63, and \$69,519.30 deposits.

A citizen of Blossburg, Pa., owns nine dogs, seven cats, a monkey, eight canary birds, and two white mice. It is unnecessary to say he is poor.

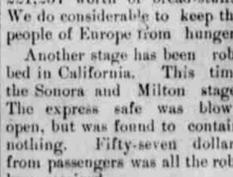
One million dollars have been raised in the United States to carry out the project of laying an ocean cable between San Francisco and Honolulu.

During the past fiscal year this country exported \$120,221,237 worth of bread-stuffs. We do considerably to keep the people of Europe from hunger.

Another stage has been robbed in California. This time the Sonora and Milton stage. The express safe was blown open, but was found to contain nothing. Fifty-seven dollars from passengers was all the robbers received.

Forest fires are doing great damage in Idaho. The Secretary of the Interior has directed the government agent, now in the vicinity, to promptly render all assistance necessary. He is authorized to expend \$6000 in employing men to subdue the fire.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Aug 1, '89. ED. GRANT CO. NEWS:—

The appointment by Secretary Noble of a commission of three to inquire into the conduct of the Pension Bureau during the last year, confirms what I wrote you just after Commissioner Tanner's appointment of the bitter feeling between himself and the Secretary. The principal objection urged upon the President against the Corporal's appointment was that he would be "too liberal."

It appears now, however, that he had developed a great talent for simple blundering. When he appointed George B. Squires who was removed in disgrace at the end of eight weeks his private secretary, he followed the error by the scarcely better mistake of appointing his daughter, an inexperienced school girl, his private secretary. Another personal appointment of his was that of Harry Phillips, a Brooklyn man, as chief of a division. Phillips' appointment was objected to by Secretary Noble on the ground that he seemed without endorser except the Commissioner himself. At last the appointment was made and charged to the Commissioner. That is only a little over two months ago, and Phillips is already implicated in the re-rating frauds that Secretary Noble's commission is investigating. The re-rating frauds that are the principal subject of the present investigation are among the most daring swindles ever perpetrated.

About a dozen pension office clerks that have been drawing pensions for years got together for mutual benefit, and agreed to apply for re-rating from the date of discharge. The combine invited prominent Grand Army men to join them, but for some reason, only reached a half dozen men and they were in government employ.

Re-rating is authorized by law only "when manifest error" is found to have occurred. These men were old and experienced clerks in the pension bureau, and had never before discovered that there was any error, under the law, in their ratings. Still, by the combination, and by literally pressing in the merits of each others claims, this combination managed, every man of it to secure from \$2,500 to \$4,000 each. No claim was rejected and while in several instances, six months or a year passes before claims are reached for consideration after they are filed in the pension bureau, these claims were all rushed through in two weeks from the time they were filed. The champagne suppers of the victors could not be kept quiet, and the press soon got possession of the facts. The exposure followed.

For some reason Commissioner Tanner paid no attention to the matter, and it remained for the Secretary to recognize the scandal by discharging three members of the medical branch of the bureau, and by the appointment of this commission. No one dares accuse Commissioner Tanner of dishonesty, or of a guilty knowledge of these frauds, but his opposition to the appointment of the commission places him in a most unfortunate light. The Secretary is also damaged in the opinion of many by the breach between him and the commissioner. Some look upon it as an attempt to restrict the liberal policy toward the soldiers. Such is the substance of Gov. Foraker's dispatch to Corporal Tanner this week. The newspapers who dare talk are full of the matter; only a few over-zealous republican papers of the musty order failing to recognize the importance of the trouble. The census work is shaping itself and Mr. Porter's desire to have the work limited to what is legitimately included in the bill to provide for the work becomes evident. In many branches the experts have already begun work. The most difficult schedule to arrange appears to be that of manufacturers. A table of this subject will be presented to Superintendent Porter next week, and by him will be submitted to various free trade authorities, as well as to manufacturers with protective tendencies. The other divisions will shortly present their definite plans for work, and by October progress may be expected.

The secret service, that branch of the government that the small boy who faithfully reads his bloody bones nickel novels, is given to admiring, is about to have a new chief. It is probable that the new man will be Thomas Furlong, a St. Louis railroad detective. Russell Harrison is actively supporting him. His appointment has been delayed thus far by petitions sent in against it by various labor organizations, including a letter from Grand Master Powderly, protesting against his appointment, on account of his work during the St. Louis strikes. It is stated to-day however, that Mr. Powderly has formerly withdrawn all opposition, and the protests are cancelled.

Subscribe for the News.

A NEW SYSTEM.

Diseases and Their Treatment by Electricity.

Oregonian. While averse to drawing the attention of our readers to any advertisement in our columns which partakes of a medical character, we feel more than justified in overruling this objection with respect to the announcement in this issue of the electro-magnetic system as practiced by Drs. Darrin.

Their theory of treatment consists of an improved system of local electro-magnetic applications, which is so immeasurably superior to the prevalent method of stomach drugging as to commend itself at once to the favor of sufferers.

No better evidence of the thorough efficacy of this treatment can be cited than in the case of Mr. James Thorndike, of this city, who has expressed his willingness to vouch in every respect for the marvelous effects it accomplished in his case, as the following card will show:

Editor Oregonian: One month ago I landed in Portland from Blair, Nebraska. I was so helpless from effects of rheumatism that I had to be carried into Dr. Darrin's office. After a month's treatment by electricity, as given by Dr. Darrin, I am now able to walk the streets. Can be referred to at room 55, Ladd's Building, First and Columbia streets, Portland.

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Dr. Darrin can be consulted free at 235 Fifth street, corner of Main, Portland. Office hours, from 10 to 5 o'clock daily; evening, 7 to 8; Sundays 10 to 12. All curable chronic diseases, loss of manhood, blood taints, syphilis, gleet, gonorrhoea, stricture, spermatorrhoea, seminal weakness, or loss of desire of sexual power, in either man or woman, catarrh 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 doctor's office.

Oregon, Cal., and Wash., and the Pacific coast in general are having water famines, while Ohio, West Va., Penn., and the east are having destructive floods.

A company boring for coal at Roslyn, W. T., struck a flowing vein of water at a depth of 480 feet-which throws a volume of water forty feet above the surface. With the water is a strong flow of gas which burns with great brilliancy.

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Letter List. List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Canyon City, Or. Aug. 1, 1889.

Matthew Brand, Mrs. C. E. Briggs, Geo. McMakin, Mrs. Mollie Ralls.

Persons calling for the above will please say advertised.

O. P. CRESAP, P. M.

Letter List. Letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Prairie City, Or. Aug. 1, 1889.

John Barton, Orville Brown, C. M. Greene 2, Joseph Jellison, George C. Powell, T. A. Renner, Prof. F. E. Rullo, Dr. Thos. Stewart, Joseph P. Wilson.

Persons calling for the above will please say advertised.

J. W. MACK, P. M.

Persons suffering from dyspepsia, indigestion, and other ailments, should use this syrup. It is a most valuable remedy for all such complaints.

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