

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Heppner is afflicted with diphtheria. Frank Kingsbury spent a few days in our town this week on his way to his home at Drewsey.

Sept. 29th Butte, Mont., suffered from a disastrous fire. An entire business block was consumed.

Mrs. Lina Putzien, sister of Miss Anna Sels, arrived from Chicago last week on a visit to her sister.

Bro. Eads is with us once more. The annual M. E. conference at La Grande sentenced him to another year at Canyon City.

A footrace was to have been run at Heppner yesterday between C. F. Watson and an "unknown" from the John Day valley, for five hundred dollars a side.

Married, at the Cobb Hotel, at John Day, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6, 1889, Judge N. R. Maxey officiating, Mr. Wm. Young and Miss Nancy J. Howard, both of Grant county.

R. B. Hay of Drewsey, a former resident of this valley, came over on business lately, and brings the usual report of dry weather on the Malheur. Mr. Hays is largely interested in sheep.

According to the assessment roll of Grant county for the years 1888 and 1889 a difference of only \$148,090 exists, probably owing to the fact that property was assessed more closely this year.

A large party of scientific explorers consisting of school marms and young people climbed to the top of Canyon mountain last Saturday to see what they could see. "Oh, the other side of the mountain was all that they could see."

At the sale of the Frizzle property last Saturday, the same was bid in by Judge Maxey, for Grant county. Should the land not be redeemed within the time allowed by law Grant county will have an eligible site for a first-class "poor farm."

Rev. Ira Wakefield, M. E. presiding elder of this district, hung his pants on a chair before retiring the other night at La Grande, and during the night a sneak thief entered the room and took all the good man's money, amounting to \$220.

There is talk of establishing a new mail route from Long Creek to Austin, by way of old Susanville, and we understand petitions are being circulated along the proposed route. This line would be a great convenience to miners along the Middle Fork, and the Ngws hopes to see this enterprise succeed.

We can inform our readers that the predicted end of the world did not occur last Monday as advertised, but the mundane sphere is still doing business at the old stand. In the event of such an occurrence soon, however, the public may rely upon the News to give a full and unbiased account of the entire proceeding.

The officers of the Burns land office held an examination lately of applicants desiring to practice as "attorneys" or "agents" before the land office. Several failing to qualify a further time was granted them in which to prepare themselves to pass the examination entitling them to appear on behalf of land claimants or contestants.

A destructive fire broke out at Belshaw's place and raged along the John Day river a few days during the week which burned considerable fencing and a large amount of pasture land was rendered worthless. Mr. Belshaw had a patch of mustard that he intended to burn, and during his absence his son thought he would do the mustard burning. He applied the torch, and in a moment the entire country was ablaze. The wind was blowing from the haystacks, or they would have burned. As it was, the fire reached the brush and timber along the river, and everything in its course was swept away. It spread for a considerable distance up and down the stream before it ceased to be checked. We have not heard the actual loss estimated.

The summary of the assessment of Grant county as it appears in another column, in some respects shows a more complete assessment than last year, although of course the total does not reach a corresponding figure. There is a gain in land of 6,626 acres, notwithstanding Harney county got away with two-thirds of the territory of Grant. Town lots jump in value from \$7,123 last year to \$10,260 this year, and we last Burns too. Money, notes and accounts and shares of stock, etc., were assessed last year at \$359,662, and this year they foot up \$428,888, a gain of \$68,926, which shows that the money was not all in Harney county—or was not assessed. The discrepancy in the tax roll this year compared to that of last year is owing to the diminished number of cattle, horses and mules and swine. Household furniture, carriages and watches, etc., also rated higher than now. Everything else except the poll tax shows a gain, even after the division of the county. The indebtedness is more, being given at \$524,714 last year, and \$572,396 this year, however, but that can be accounted for in the increased value of money, notes and accounts—the rich are becoming richer and the poor becoming poorer.

An old smoker in Salem fills his pipe with hops, and enjoys the flavor as much as the tobacco slave.

Sheriff Gray and deputy Yorgenson are on a trip we don't know where nor for what. Particulars as soon as they return.

Married, at Vancouver, W. T., Sept. 27, 1889, Mr. Henry Blackwell to Miss Ada Beeson, both of Long Creek.

Upon a charge of lying, and of slander, Rev. G. M. Irwin was tried by the conference at La Grande, and the verdict was that he receive a reprimand from the bishop.

Ed Sels took his departure Tuesday for Portland, where he will attend the Commercial college the coming winter, and in the spring he hopes to engage in business at some point in the Willamette.

The collections in St. Thomas' church, Canyon City, last Sunday, amounted to \$14.10, which shows that the people of our little city are not entirely broke, if the plate is passed twice the same day.

I will preach at Canyon City at the usual hour next Sabbath evening, but will not fill the usual appointment at John Day in view of the funeral services for Mrs. Luce and her children.

When you have wood to saw give the job to deserving and industrious white men and boys who live and spend their money among us. Chinamen are industrious, but the money they get hold of is shipped across the ocean.

Gottfried Brose shot and killed Shiels Leoney at Trout creek, Crook county, one day last week, the result of an old feud. The coroner's jury charged him with "deliberate and premeditated" murder. Gottfried will probably get off, if Crook county's juries do their duty.

Rev. Mr. Goss of Baker City, preached to large congregations, both morning and evening last Sunday, and expressed himself highly pleased with the management of the Ladies Guild who have had the charge of church matters for the last two years or more. The report of the treasurer, Miss Douthett, will be published next week when we have more room.

The M. E. appointments made by the bishop for the coming year for La Grande district are as follows: Ira Wakefield, presiding elder; Baker City, E. G. Fowler; Burns, A. McCarty; Canyon City, A. Eads; Enterprise, M. H. Fellers; Union, S. M. Driver; North Powder, W. M. McCarty; La Grande, J. H. Wood; Pine Valley, H. W. Oliver; Summerville, J. M. Denison; Willow Creek, W. Fancher; Long Creek to be supplied.

Mrs. Mary Dambach, of whom mention was made in these columns lately, was in town during the week looking for her husband who strayed away from her in Pennsylvania last year, taking all the available cash belonging to the family. The lady unfolds a sorrowful tale of woe, and we hope—for her sake—that she will run across her truant Dambach. She left here for Baker City and the Big Bend country.

A deed has been placed with the county clerk for record whereby four partners, Wm. L. Gunard, John S. Hughes, Newton Williams and Jack Woolsey, of Grant county convey to Francis Clarno of Portland, their right, title and interest in and to the "Silver King," Kings-ton, "Tunnel Location," and "Miners Dream" quartz ledges, and a placer mine, together with millsite and water right, all said property being in the Greenhorn mining section. The price paid by Mr. Clarno was \$15,000, which is considered a low price for the claims, but the partners could not agree in working them, so they concluded to sell. We are glad to see the mining interest surely striking for the interior of Grant county. When men of capital become interested in our prospects then the heavy drop of quartz stamps will be heard all over the land, and the joyful sound will reverberate all through our mountain vales, the result of which, shekels will flow, like thistles on the gales, and business—will not be slow.

The little "Harney Items" says that: "Since Grant county has been deprived of that worthless tax-exempt, Harney county, the rate of taxation has been raised two mills on the dollar." True, our tax levy has been raised from last year, but that was made necessary in order to meet the increased county indebtedness occasioned by paying a bounty on the scalps of Harney valley's jackrabbits. At least sixteen thousand dollars was expended for that purpose during the four years the scalp bounty law was in force, and the enormous sum of eight hundred dollars was appropriated by Grant county in payment of rabbit scalps at the last March term of county court after that purpose the county had been divided, affidavits being furnished that they were "caught in Harney valley," etc. Claims to the amount of upwards of \$4,000 for rabbit scalps from the same section were filed at that term of court but were not allowed by the court. How's that for a two months' catch? Some of your men grew wealthy selling rabbit ears to Grant county, and when she would buy no more from you you taunt her with the silly jocular that she "had to raise her rate of assessment."

License petition of Joe Combs under "New to-day."

Potatoes are selling in the Prineville market at \$1 per bushel.

Money is close, but as the fellow said, not close enough to reach.

Wm. Griffin and sister, from Griffin's station, visited our city this week.

Bid farewell to smoky atmosphere—high winds and small showers have settled the fog.

Dr. Horsley was seriously ill during the week, but we are pleased to say is somewhat improved.

Jeremiah Dacey, a miner of the Middle Fork country, spent a few days in town last week among acquaintances.

Ex-Governor Geo. L. Woods is afflicted with an incurable disease and is not expected to live but a very short time.

Messrs. Clarno, Hayes, Williams, Gurnard and Hughes, mining men from northern Grant, paid the News office a pleasant visit Tuesday.

No communication that does not bear the name of the sender will be recognized at this office, unless we know who it is from. Please remember and be governed accordingly.

On the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart's wedding the News was remembered, and we acknowledge with thanks the receipt of plenty of wedding cake and some excellent fruit.

Showers have laid the dust to a certain degree between here and Baker, and the roads will soon be in a much better condition for the immense freighting which will be done from there this fall.

Grant county sets great store by her quartz mines. Next year, old miners predict that the camps of Robinsonville and Greenhorn sections will boom as never did mining camps on this coast.

John Young, of the lower valley, was seriously injured last week by being hit about the head by a piece of rail thrown by horses—which he was handling—breaking out of a corral. He was unconscious for several days, and is being attended by Dr. Orr.

The county seat question is already being agitated in Gilliam county. Condon and Arlington are the aspirants for the honors, and the question will be settled next June. Malheur and Harney counties will also locate their county seats permanently next June.

Mrs. Slaven, wife of Dan Slaven of Long Creek, died last week under distressing circumstances. The lady had been a great sufferer from a tumor or cancerous affliction, and a surgical operation became necessary, from the effects of which the poor woman never rallied, being in so emaciated a condition.

The Heppner stage was something over two hours late Tuesday night occasioned by being caught behind a freight team on the Beech creek grade, with no earthly show of getting past, therefore had to plod along at the slow gate which freighters' teams usually go. Oughtn't that grade to be widened in a few places so teams could pass each other? A little money would do it.

We were shown this week a piece of quartz that for richness completely knocks the permission off the highest lumb, so to speak. And what is better, it is a Grant county production, taken from the Mitchell mine at Robinsonville, just a few hundred feet back of the old slaughter house used by Bro. Eads when he conducted the meat market in early days before he became a preacher. The rock is a soft formation, and is filled with nuggets and wire gold; can be fractured and still hang together by the gold. The butchers of the "60's" little dreamed of the wealth they were walking over when they prepared meat to feed hungry placer miners twenty years ago. But such is life in the far west, and one is liable at any time to "strike it rich" in a "pocket ledge" where it is least expected.

Ed. Anderson, a sort of a gambler, who used to range about John Day under the name of Charley Milton, removed to Baker City and changed his name to Frank Milton. A short time ago he was recognized by some one who had known him in Texas, and word sent to the Sheriff. Then a telegram was sent to Baker for the officers to arrest Anderson, alias Milton, which they did, and it was ascertained that he was a fugitive from justice, having committed an outrageous assault upon a little twelve-year-old girl in Weatherford, Texas, four years ago. He was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for the crime. He was a gambler, and had a brother who was well off. The brother took up the case and secured the best legal assistance in the state, pending an appeal to the supreme court. Anderson was confined in the county jail. One night he broke out and fled, and no one knew where he had gone until he was recognized in Baker. While he was in this valley he was comparatively secure from detection, and many criminals flock here. But our officers are beginning to keep themselves better informed regarding escaped jailbirds.

Switzerland has an electric railway up a 1,330-foot mountain. Go to the Red Front Billiard Hall, Canyon City, for fine wines, liquors and cigars.

FOR SALE.—About forty tons of wild hay, at the "Big Meadows" on upper Canyon Creek. Price six dollars per ton. Excellent place to winter stock. M. M. ADAMSON.

We have a piece of quartz in our cabinet taken from a ledge a short distance above town, concerning which Mr. Clarno, mining man of Portland, expressed an opinion that if the ledge was well defined it would prove a bonanza. Neill Hall, develop your ledge; that rock was yours.

GRANITE GRAINS.

Sept. 30th 1889.

The sawmill will begin operation this week.

The new mill at Graham's ledge is about ready for work.

The late rains have laid the dust and quenched the fires.

Gathering news items is rather tedious work, as they are scarce.

John Hughes of Greenhorn has taken his family to Pilot Rock for the winter.

Cabell's mill has been shut down for a few days, caused by breaking a shaft.

Mr. Mitchell, manager of the Monumental has been deposed and J. R. Bowick has his situation.

Dr. Shields, dentist, stayed several days with us. He filled several aching voids and made many more.

Quite a number of persons are afflicted with sore throat, Miss Thornberg being quite sick which will cause a delay in the opening of the school.

J. P. McCoy and wife, whose late son was taken sick in Baker, returned without him, for his illness proved fatal. His remains were taken to Pendleton for burial.

Ford and the China boot maker are the only two gentlemen in town who represent their business with signs over their doors, telling the passerby where they can be found.

Doc Thornberg is on the sick list. Doc, try a warm application of dress sleeve with the arm of some fair damsel in it. It will not hurt if it does no good. Doc has a sore throat.

The new ledges found by the Graham Bros are developing finely. Others of equal showing have been found in their immediate vicinity. Gold can be seen in the ore from all of them.

Nob hill has received some addition in the way of improvements. S. Guttridge has built a neat little dwelling. I. I. McCullough has also one nearly completed. Thornberg & Scroggie built quite a barn and are filling it with hay for winter use. S. N. Ford has his building about finished and will soon move his stock of stamps and envelopes.

JOHN DAY DASHES.

Another wedding is looked for soon, John Day is looming up.

Bill Young "set 'em up" to the boys in good shape. Hope you will get married often, Bill.

John Day was treated to a dust storm last Sunday, but the rain which we looked for did not come.

Joe Combs has bought the race horse "Jordan" from John Chriman, and will hereafter make his money easy.

I am told the races at Long Creek were not a success. Why can't we get up some racing here this fall?

Hon. D. B. Rinehart and his bride were visiting in town during the week. He looks ten years younger.

Wm. Young and Miss Nancy J. Howard were married at Cobb's hotel last Sunday. Judge Maxey performed the ceremony. Long life and happiness to the young couple.

Chinese residents had a big "blow out," or religious celebration peculiar to their race, and the ceremonies were kept up all night. No white people were permitted to invade the charmed circle.

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Rinehart-Elliott Nuptial.

Last week, under stress of circumstances the News was in error regarding the marriage of Mr. D. B. Rinehart and Mrs. Annie Elliott, inasmuch as the wedding was solemnized by Judge L. B. Ison at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard at Prairie City. Judge Maxey courteously extended the honor of performing the ceremony to Judge Ison, as he was a senior officer and a guest of the Grant county folks. Only a few invited guests were assembled, and all went merry as the usual "marriage bell." The bride and groom received many handsome and valuable presents, together with well wished tokens of esteem. After a few days visiting among friends the happy couple moved to Mr. Rinehart's beautiful country home, where, all things considered, they cannot be otherwise than happy and contented. The News desires that theirs may be a life of pleasure and happiness.

Three hundred thousand pounds of grapes from California passed over the Oregon Short Line for the eastern market last week.

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The Colorado Mining Exchange has adopted a resolution instructing three of its members to take 100 ounces of silver to the United States mint at Philadelphia and demand that it be coined into dollars. This being refused, they will bring suit against the director of the mint for damages, and thus get the case before the supreme court of the United States, the object being to test the constitutionality of the various acts of congress, depriving silver of its standing at the mints.

CAN LIFE BE PROLONGED?

Oregonian.

The prolongation of human life, the restoration of decayed functions to their normal activity by electricity, even when suggested as a remote possibility, rouse and chain the attention. When this suggestion is made by a man whose record of achievements has given him a reputation on two continents, and whose statements are always received with respect if not with deference, incredulity forgets to smile, and we listen with the feeling that the path of discovery always runs through the path of apparent impossibilities. No snap judgment avails in this modern age. To say of anything that it can't be done is to exhibit ignorance of what has been done. The age of miracles is not in the past, but in the present and future. We walk in the company of marvels every day, which the science of electricity has recently achieved. Dr. Darrin has at any rate given us something serious to think about, and encouraged the hope of new victories over the ills to which flesh is heir by his system of electro-magnetic treatment, as the following references show:

Geo. H. Papenberg, Tualatin, Or.—Deafness ten years so he could scarcely hear a sound; cured in twenty minutes.

Mrs. John McGinnis, Vancouver, W. T.—Paralyzed arm cured six months ago by Dr. Darrin, while in San Francisco.

Ex-Mayor C. H. Hill's son of Albina, Or.—Cured of an offensive discharge of both ears since five months old.

John B. Dougherty, Roche Harbor, W. T.—Hydrocele entirely cured and removed by one operation of five minutes.

Mrs. S. A. Wooden's girl, 94 Columbia street, Portland—Nervous debility and malarial fever and discharging ear, restored.

Wm. Allow, Drewsey, Grant county, Or.—Catarrhal deafness and ringing in the ears for twenty years; perfectly cured.

Mrs. S. W. Metzger, Gresham, Or.—Dyspepsia, liver complaint and pain in stomach twenty-three years; restored.

Mrs. C. Magenson, Merchant's hotel, Portland—Rheumatism, neuralgia and female troubles; cured permanently one year ago.

W. F. Ogle, Seatac, W. T.—Liver and kidney complaint and dyspepsia, also deafness and whole system run down; cured.

William Little, Seattle, W. T.—Pain in his chest of over eight years' standing; entirely cured by electro-magnetic treatment.

J. W. Zimwalt, Albany, Or., (formerly of Moro, Wasco county, Or.)—Cured of an aggravated case of rheumatism and spinal complaint.

Dr. Darrin's Place of Business.

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.

Chicago has "trout officers" who see that children attend school.

Wool is not all sold—a big load was hauled through town yesterday, on its way to the railroad.

The irregularity of assessments of city property at Tacoma, W. T., is creating quite a stir among the merchants there.

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Bismark will probably be the temporary seat of government for Dakota, and Sioux Falls for South Dakota.

The Indians of Neah bay, in Washington territory, recently captured a black whale fifty-five feet long and eight or nine feet in diameter. The Indians think they will get about 1550 gallons of oil out of this whale. Whale oil is much relished by the Coast Indians as food.

A Kansas farmer, it is said, has made one thousand barrels of vinegar from twenty acres of watermelons and sold it at ten dollars per barrel, thus opening a way for a new industry as well as realizing a much better price for his crop than if he had shipped it to market. If this remarkable scheme is practical there is a new field open for the growers of melons to dispose of their surplus stocks.

A female mind reader of Eugene has located the whereabouts of the body of Geo. Nutting. The woman says that three men had a hand in killing him; that after passing over a ridge he was murdered by these men on a creek, or near it, and there buried in the bed of the stream. The woman above referred to is said to have located the dead body of Minnie Luckey, who was drowned there not long since. Some of the Eugene people have great faith in her ability to fathom hidden mysteries.—Prineville News.

A Chinaman formerly engaged as a domestic in Pendleton, after amassing what, in the eyes of a Celestial, is considered a comfortable competence, returned to the Flowery Kingdom some time ago. The other day he turned up again in Pendleton, and being asked how he evaded the act passed to prevent the immigration to our shores of his saffron-hued race, replied that he landed at Victoria, paid a few dollars there to some of his fellow Celestials to help him out, and then being put on board a steamer, landed safe and sound in Port Townsend, paying \$50 for his passage. This is an interesting story, as it shows that the smuggling Chinese across the border is a very profitable business, and is not beneath the dignity of the Canadian steamship companies.—East Oregonian.

Gratifying to All.

The high position attained and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative known, illustrative of the value of the qualities on which its success is based, and are abundantly gratifying to the Cal. Fig Syrup Company.

The County's Wealth.

From the assessment roll of Grant county we take the following summary of assessments for the year 1889:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Value. Includes Acres of land, Total value, Average value, Value of town lots, Improvements, Merchandise, implements, etc., Household furniture, carriages, watches, etc., Horses and mules, Value, Average value, Cattle, Value, Average value, Sheep, Value, Average value, Swine, Value, Average value, Gross value of property, Indebtedness, Total taxable property, As equalized by the board, Number of polls.

FRUIT FOR SALE.

To those wishing to buy fruit and vegetables, I would say that I will sell apples on the ranch at 50 cts per box, also a good assortment of vegetables for sale at reasonable prices. All orders will be promptly attended to. Orders left with O. P. Cress, in Canyon City, will reach me every week, as I will usually be in town Saturdays and Tuesdays of each week with fruit to sell. Residence two miles below John Day City, on The Dalles road.

Fruit exchanged for all kinds of grain delivered at my ranch. Wm. Luce.

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Gov. Shoup of Idaho has issued a proclamation calling a special election for the adoption of the Idaho constitution, November 5th.

The United States has a lawyer to every 909 of its population. "It is pleasant to think," says the Boston Transcript, "that these legal gentlemen are not likely to be bought up by an English syndicate. Therefore, when 909 of our people get together they will still have the satisfaction of knowing that their quota of lawyer is in the midst of them, and busy as usual."

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Want to Sell your Wood?

Sealed proposals will be received at the sheriff's office in Canyon City, Grant county, Oregon, for the delivery of forty cords of good merchantable wood, also twenty cases of coal oil of good quality, the wood and oil to be delivered at the court house in the month of October, 1889. Bids received up to and including the 15th of Oct. Bids opened on the 16th at 3 o'clock p. m., at the sheriff's office. Bids received for either one or both in the same proposal. All bids must be put in on the basis of county scrip, and the lowest bidder will be awarded the contract. W. P. GRAY, Sheriff.

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