

# THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Dec. 5.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mining location notices for sale at this office.

Eight prisoners are now confined in the Umatilla county jail at Pendleton, one on a charge of murder.

Dr. L. B. Trowbridge of East Portland is visiting his brother, and will perhaps remain several weeks.

Report reaches us of the discovery of rich placer diggings by Mr. Harry Hall, situated on the river below Prairie City.

Guernsey has shut off steam at his sawmill and will spend the time developing his quartz property until next summer.

Boston received a scorching last Thursday. Two acres of fine business houses were destroyed by fire, and the loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Harrison Kelly, receiver at the Burns land office stopped over night in town Thursday, on his way home from Baker City.

Mrs. Dr. Barber changed her mind in regard to wintering in Southern Oregon, and has joined her husband here. Grant county is good enough.

In mentioning the Thanksgiving ball, to say that it was enjoyable as usual is sufficient. Upwards of forty numbers were taken, and all went well.

Should snow cover up the foothills before the ground freezes the grass which now has a good start would make fine grazing when the thaw came.

A boy and a shot gun collided near Baker City last week with the usual result. Funeral largely attended. Boys and firearms are a dangerous combination.

Rock from the new ledge on the mountain continues to give flattering assays. With the advent of spring no doubt active development work will commence.

Freighters between here and the railroad demand 2 1/2 and 3 cents, and they deserve it all. Hauling freight through snowdrifts on the mountains is far from being pleasant.

Rain continues to fall at intervals, with the usual amount of snow high up. The ground throughout the county is wet enough already, so that such a dry season as last may not be feared.

Tom Smith has his band of horses at Sun Dance, Wyoming, and intends wintering them there. Coal fields have been discovered in that vicinity, and he expects a ready market in the spring.

Physicians, justices, ministers and others who have cognizance of the facts are requested to send to this paper notice of births, marriages and deaths occurring in the county. Such notices will be published without charge.

An entertainment consisting of singing, recitations and dialogues, will be given this (Thursday) evening, at the Grange hall, John Day. Admission twenty-five cents; proceeds for Sunday school supplies. Everybody invited.

Ed Buckley of Sylvias valley brought several hundred pounds of fine butter into town last week, which he readily disposed of at forty cents. There is certainly considerable money to be made in the dairy business in Grant county, if engaged in extensively.

As the cold winter increases parties who have still clung to their old stove pipes are keeping their property in still more danger of fire. Remember the heat causes the stovepipe to expand while the intense cold weather causes them to relax thus causing them to come unjointed and many houses have been burned from this cause. Look well we say, to your stovepipe.

Political bees generally begin to buzz about this time or a little later, and aspirants for honors next June get their fingers tangled up in the buttonhole of your coat. Be patient with them, and promise them your support if they deserve it. Grant county wants good and true men to fill her offices, and we feel confident her intelligent voters will place the right ones there.

Concerning the proposed sheriff's convention to be held in Portland next week, sheriff Gray informs the News that the object of such an organization is to get the sheriffs together and have them get acquainted and perfecting an organization whereby they will render aid to each other that lies in their power in the capture of criminals. Believing that a man will render more aid to a friend than to a stranger, they think it will result in much good in this becoming organized into a mutual relief association.

There is considerable talk just now in relation to who will be the next joint senator from Morrow, Grant and Harney counties. The News believes that the nomination should be given to a Harney man on one of the political tickets. Morrow has an aspirant in the field, but as Grant furnished the last senator she will probably not have a candidate this year. Harney county has available material in both parties, and we think it only an act of courtesy as well as justice to give her a show for the next state senator.

Christmas printing neatly done at this shop.

R. Byram returned Sunday night from Wyoming.

Circuit court is in session at Baker City, Judge Fee presiding.

Funeral at Dayville, Sunday, Dec. 1, 1889, to the wife of Alex Murray, a son.

Idaho has six hundred irrigation ditches with a total length of 1800 miles.

There is talk of digging a canal between the Columbia and Walla Walla rivers.

Brad Herburger and Jeff Mulcare returned Tuesday evening from their trip to Wyoming.

Stephen Wood of Trout creek was over last week after a load of vegetables and other supplies.

The county court of Gilliam county has raised the reward for stock thieves from \$50 to \$100.

When you come to town come to the News office over the new sidewalk just built by the sheriff.

The pleasant face of John Devine was seen on our streets the other day. He was on his way towards the railroad.

R. J. Ivers is mentioned as the democratic candidate for joint representative from Harney and Grant counties.—Items.

Harney City folks desire to build a church house, and with his usual generosity the popular sawmill man, Mr. King offers to donate a large bill of lumber.

Overholt of this city who is attending the Bishop Scott academy at Portland stands the highest in his class of any of the boys attending that school.

Rulison last week got an assay giving upwards of \$38 to the ton, mostly gold, from the croppings of the "Justice" claim. He hopes soon to strike that vein in his tunnel.

Old residents are hopeful of the signs of the coming winter. They say it is starting in old-fashioned style, and expect a great deal of snow and an abundance of moisture.

Bestmaster Creap received a new flag of forty-two stars, a gift from Bro. Jack Wanamaker. In accordance with recommendations the flag is to be placed on the postoffice building.

The Anaconda mine in Montana caught fire last week from a candle set and left burning on a piece of timber, and four men lost their lives. The mines were a perfect network of timbers and burned rapidly.

Murderers do not fair well in Grant county. Two have been hanged within the past year. It would not be a bad idea for Crook to import a few men from Grant county to sit on grand juries in the future.—Review.

We have received a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Oregon press association. The pamphlet is a neat specimen of good work and reflects credit upon Mr. Baker, state printer, from whom it is a gift to the association.

The Oregon Pacific Railroad Company have agreed with Baker City's committee to send out an engineer over the proposed route to Baker City and make estimates on cost of building, etc. This is some encouragement and may result in the future accomplishment of the desired end.—Democrat.

The other day a Chinese cook at Livingston, Cal., made a pie for the guests of a hotel. It looked all right, but he added two ounces of pulverized glass for seasoning. The first bite caused a stalwart teamster's mouth to bleed and he beat the cook to a jelly.

As many horsemen shared the doubt as to California race tracks being full length, the San Francisco Examiner has had the Napa track measured, and finds it to be two feet and three inches over a mile. Palo Alto, Sanol and Stambol are therefore entitled to their records.

Over one million people, and over 375,000 square miles of domain, have been admitted into the Union last month. In no other year of the American republic has so many States, since the original thirteen, come in as have been admitted during the first eleven days of November, 1889.

A peculiarly shaped rock was picked up by workmen on the foundation for the Pendleton Savings Bank building. It almost exactly resembles a moccasined foot, and for a time it was supposed to be the petrified pedal extremity of some giant Indian who chased buffaloes and tomahawked his enemies in prehistoric ages. It has been placed on exhibition at Leetzer & Kuebler's.—E. O.

Go home to learn the news. An exchange contains the following: A Chinaman, who has for years been engaged in working a placer claim, in the vicinity of Prairie City, Or., has for his only companion a goose, which follows him about like a dog as he performs the monotonous labor of wheeling dirt down the tramway to the sluice-box. When the goose thinks the time for quitting has arrived, it plants itself in the Chinaman's pathway and prevents him from proceeding with his work.

## PRAIRIE CITY PRATTLE.

A Thanksgiving dance was given at the Meador school house.

Preparations are being made for a grand masquerade ball Christmas.

Rice McHaley will run a notion store in connection with the post-office.

Will Coho was slightly injured Sunday by a horse kicking him in the side and arm.

The Thanksgiving ball at this place passed off pleasantly, all report having had a good time. A nice supper was served by Mrs. Dodson at Hartly's hotel.

Mr. Gurney came over from North Fork Saturday night, he brought the news of the death of Mr. Graham of that place. James Sullens and Jo. Bates started over with the coffin Sunday forenoon. The body was brought here for burial.

The young and old have lively times at the skating rink. Every Saturday night brings in crowds of would-be skaters. McThomas succeeded in finding a hard place on the floor; he got up with a bruised arm. There were several more who did not find the floor very soft. The proprietor of the rink will shortly send for more skates, that all who wish to display their skill may be accommodated.

OSERVER.

## MOUNTAIN CREEK MUSINGS.

Mountain Creek Dec. 1.

Stockmen are in good spirits, as the "signs" indicate a mild winter. The weather is quite spring like just now, though we had six inches of snow a week ago.

Mr. McDonald, who has been lying very low with consumption at Mr. Colette's place for several weeks, died there early Friday morning and was buried here yesterday afternoon.

Several of the citizens of this place attended the ball at Mitchell on Thanksgiving evening. They report only three fights, and think there must have been something lacking in the quality of the whiskey. The day was not observed here.

Dr. Horsley who has been seriously ill for a long time is again upon the streets.

The Oregon penitentiary will soon be supplied with a camera, and photographs will be taken and preserved of each convict.

Professor Loiset's Memory system is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country, and persons wishing to improve their memory should send for his prospectus, free as advertised in another column.

A Seattle contractor tried to get 25 men to work one day last week. A polite officer took him to a saloon where over 40 idle men were lounging about. Out of the entire number only four expressed a willingness to labor.

The talk about a bridge to connect England and France is still going on. Skilled engineers report that the enterprise is feasible. The bridge will cost about eighty millions of dollars.

A Portland tailor has become insane. Perhaps his conscience is punishing him for the prices of "dove elegant pants, imported goods, rich goat me—mine friend, I would be afraid to tell you how much those goats cost me."

An esteemed contemporary, not content with the legitimate transaction of selling "climate" to unsophisticated tenderfeet, announces the sale last week of a large portion of the Southern Oregon "weather" crop to California parties.

Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton, a prominent democratic politician, who died recently in foreign lands, was a leader in his party. Of a pure, upright social life, he goes down to the grave lamented by all. He was candidate for vice-president in 1864, and always occupied a prominent position in the councils of his party.

An officer high in army circles suggests that as a solution of the Indian question, the red man be enlisted in the regular army. He says that they make good soldiers, but very poor farmers. The American army has found the former to be a serious fact, while the interior department has made almost an utter failure of converting them into farmers.

The Nez Perce chief who was in Portland not long since stated that his people wanted to learn the art of making their own living; that they wanted to work, and wanted some one to show them how. It may be true, but it's the only tribe of Indians on record that ever wanted to work. The Musquakis, of Iowa, have been taught the art of making their own living and how to work, at a great expense to the government, but you can't notice it on 'em.—Portland Journal.

## THE SCHOOL BOOK CHANGE.

There has been some question as to the time for exchanging the new text-books adopted for use in this state, and the following letter from the agent of the publishing company who furnish the books will be found of interest to school patrons in this county:

SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 21, '89. HON. E. HAYS, JOHN DAY, OR.

Dear Sir: I am informed that a circular letter has been sent out by somebody to the effect that the time for the introduction and exchange of text books has expired in your state.

I believe that said letter was sent out by the publishers of the readers now being introduced. If so it has no effect, whatever, upon the introduction of our books, viz: arithmetics, drawing books, music readers, etc., all the publications of Ivison, Blakeman & Co.

The law of your state very explicitly states that books shall remain on sale six months from first date of introduction, which the law makes Oct. 1, therefore, the time for the introduction and exchange of books will not expire till next March. We wish it distinctly understood by the people in general that we want our books furnished and will furnish them till the time expires according to law.

When we solicited contract for the introduction of our books we guaranteed to yourself and the other Supts. that we would do everything in our power to give satisfaction to the people. When we made such statement we made them in good faith, and we fully intend to carry them out, and shall do so.

If the dealers refuse to furnish our books at the prices required by law to any district in your county, you will please inform me immediately and I will see that the people receive their books.

In case of any combination among book dealers to defeat this end, we shall send the books post paid to any address in the state of Oregon at the introduction price as per proposition on file in your office.

Hoping that you will do everything in your power to assist us in seeing that the people get what they are entitled to, I remain,

Yours Very Respectfully,  
A. F. GUNN, Gen'l Agent,  
For Ivison, Blakeman & Co.  
Dictated.

## Letter List.

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

W. O. Benefield, W. G. Fry, E. B. Hauley, L. W. Ladd, W. J. Miller, J. A. Marrs, John Shirley, Sam'l Whitmore.

Persons calling for the above will please say advertised.

O. P. CHESAP, P. M.

## Letter List.

Letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Prairie City, Or. Dec. 1, 1889.

Mr. B. D. Bason, Mr. Charles Helmsdale, Mr. Thos. Morgan, Prof. Bontelle.

Persons calling for the above will please say advertised.

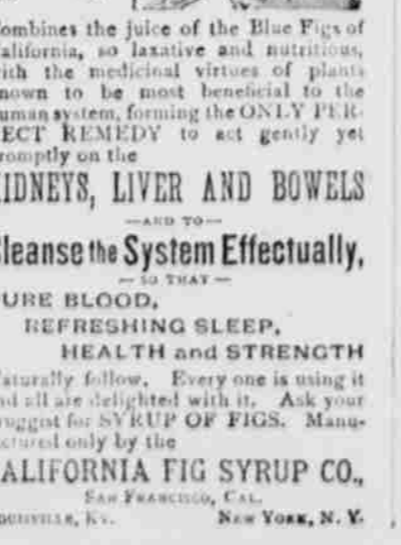
RICE R. McHALEY, P. M.

John L. Sullivan has consented to fight Peter Jackson for a purse of \$15,000. The fight takes place in San Francisco.

Washington ladies, young and old, married and single, are reported to indulge in the game of poker and small games of chance.

A poor old woman in Denver got \$5000 worth of life insurance the other day, all because her son thought he would rob some mud off a horse-car mule's hind foot.

Mr. Stuart is the Walla Walla man's name, who confessed at a revival meeting up on Blue creek, on three different occasions, that he was a murderer, last week, but he won't tell any more, and now people hardly know how to take him. He had better keep his mouth shut, unless he meant to make a clean breast of it.



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## REPORT OF THE BOARD APPOINTED.

Under the Act of the legislature of the State of Oregon entitled "An Act to create the county of Harney and fix the salaries of County Judge and Treasurer thereof," approved February 25th, 1889, to determine the value of the public property of Grant county and the proportion of the indebtedness of Grant county to be assumed by Harney county after deducting the valuation of said public property.

To THE HONORABLE THE COUNTY COURTS OF GRANT AND HARNEY COUNTIES, OREGON:

In pursuance of the provisions of the above mentioned Act, N. R. Maxey, County Judge of Grant county, Oregon, and T. J. Shields, County Judge of Harney county, Oregon, met at the county seat of said Grant county, on the 9th day of May, 1889, and duly organized as a Board, and began the investigation of the accounts of Grant county, and continued the same until the 11th day of May, at which time there arising a disagreement between the members of the Board as to the time to which the indebtedness of said Grant county should be estimated; Hon. J. A. Fee, one of the Judges of the Sixth Judicial District, of the State was called to their assistance, and said Circuit Judge concurred with the County Judge of Grant county, that the 25th day of Feb., 1889, was the day to which said indebtedness should be computed, and therefore it was so ordered, and thereupon, it appearing that the family of Judge Shields was sick, the Board adjourned until the 17th day of September, 1889.

On the 17th day of September, 1889, the Board reconvened at the county seat of Grant county, there being present the county judges, as at the former session, and the Board resumed the consideration of the subject of the indebtedness of Harney to Grant county, continuing through the 18th day of Sept., and to the 19th of Sept., on which day there arising a disagreement between the said county Judges as to the proper valuation to be put upon the public property of said Grant county, the Board called to its assistance Hon. Luther B. Ison, one of the Judges of the Sixth Judicial District of the State, and the said subject of disagreement being brought before said circuit judge, the same was after partial consideration taken by said circuit judge under advisement, said circuit judge to furnish his estimate of the value of said property in writing to each of such county judges at some future day, and thereupon the Board adjourned to the 11th day of November, 1889.

The county judge of Grant county appeared at the county seat of said county on the 11th day of Nov., 1889, pursuant to adjournment and from day to day thereafter until the 13th day of November, 1889, at which time the county judge of Harney county appearing also, the Board duly reconvened, there being present said county judges of Grant and Harney counties, and resumed the consideration and investigation of the indebtedness of Grant county and also the value of the public property of said Grant county (the said circuit judge having by reason of sickness, been unable to decide said question up to this time) and continued their session from day to day until the 25th day of November, 1889, at which time the said Board, having agreed upon the indebtedness of said Grant county, the value of its public property, also the proportion of said indebtedness that Harney county should assume and pay to said Grant county, and all matters required of said Board by said Act, adjourned, sine die.

The said Board in its sessions have settled upon and find the sum of nineteen thousand and sixty-four hundredths dollars to be the proportion of the indebtedness of said Grant county which said Harney county should pay to said Grant county the said sum of \$19,064.64, being the balance still found to be due and owing from said Harney county to said Grant county after deducting the value of all public property of Grant county and adjusting all matters of taxes collected by the officers of each or either said counties prior to the 1st day of October 1889, and subsequent to the 25th day of February, 1889, the proportion of said debt which Harney county should pay without considering taxes so collected since Feb. 25th, 1889, being \$1,064.30, and deductions therefrom on account of taxes since collected being \$12,063.96.

The estimates upon which said balance of indebtedness is based are more fully set forth in "Exhibit A" hereto attached and made a part of this report.

The time and mileage of the members of the Board and expenses of the sessions of the Board are fully set forth in "Exhibit B," hereto attached and made a part of this report.

Wherefore, we respectfully submit this report of our proceedings and conclusions, in duplicate, as by said Act required, one to each

of your Honorable said county courts this the 25th day of November, A. D. 1889.

N. R. MAXEY,  
Co. Judge of Grant Co., Or.  
T. J. SHIELDS,  
Co. Judge of Harney Co., Or.

## EXHIBIT "A."

Being statement of the indebtedness of Grant Co., Oregon, value of the public property and estimate of the proportionate share of said debt to be assumed and paid to said county by Harney county, as determined by the Board designated by the Act creating said Harney county:

Gross outstanding indebtedness of Grant county on Feb. 25th 1889, including interest as shown by outstanding orders, \$84,078.42.

Assets of Grant county Feb. 25, 1889, public buildings, property etc \$17,681.70.

Lake county orders on hand less Att'y's fees and other expenses of suit paid by Grant county subsequent to Feb. 25, 1889, but incurred prior thereto, \$3,775.92.

Assets Grant county deducted, \$21,457.62.

Net debt of Grant county, Feb. 25, 1889, \$62,620.80.

Assessable property of Grant Co., as per assessment roll of 1888, \$5,262,080.00.

Proportion of net debt in Harney Co., \$1,618,220.00.

Proportion of net debt in present Grant Co., \$1,643,860.00.

Proportionate share of net debt of Grant county that Harney county should assume and pay, based on its proportion of assessed property, \$31,064.30.

Proportion of net debt to be paid by Grant county, based on its proportion of assessed property, \$31,556.50.

Deductions by reason of taxes collected; county taxes of 1888 due Harney county collected by Grant county since Feb. 25, 1889 and retained, \$12,841.96.

State taxes of 1888 and proportionate share of delinquent taxes prior to 1888 collected by Harney Co., subsequent to Feb. 25, 1889 and prior to Oct. 1, 1889 and retained, but which should have been paid to Grant Co., \$781.30.

Total deductions on net of taxes collected, \$12,063.96.

Balance found due from Harney county, \$19,064.64.

## EXHIBIT "B."

Being statement of per diem and mileage of officers of the Board in conducting the business of the Board and expenses incurred in addition to regular per diem and mileage:

T. J. Shields, May session, 7 days, 220 miles, \$57.00.

T. J. Shields, Sept. session 4 days 220 miles, \$42.00.

T. J. Shields, Nov. session, 16 days, 220 miles, \$102.00.

J. A. Fee, May session, 1 day, 2 miles, \$5.20.

L. B. Ison, Nov. session, 1 day, 2 miles, \$5.20.

N. R. Maxey, May session, 3 days, 4 miles, \$15.40.

N. R. Maxey, Sept. session, 3 days, 4 miles, \$15.40.

N. R. Maxey, Nov. session, 12 days, 4 miles, \$69.40.

Farrish & Conard Att'y's fees drawing reports, etc., \$20.00.

Total expenses of Board, \$322.60.

## DRS. DARRIN'S NEW OFFICE.

The Doctors Will Move From 235 Fifth Street to the New Washington Building December First.

Owing to the increased patronage Dr. Darrin has received during his sojourn in Portland the past three years, he has been compelled to enlarge his quarters, and has secured four elegant rooms in the new Washington building, corner of Fourth and Washington streets. The building has an elevator thus obviating the necessity of walking up stairs to the second floor where the doctor's offices are located. The elevator boy will direct any one asking for Dr. Darrin's office. Separate reception rooms for ladies and gentlemen, or any desiring private consultation. Remember the change, that after Dec. first the offices will be at the Washington Block, until then at 235 Fifth street. Patients coming to the doctor will do well to come direct to the office before locating themselves, as it is necessary in many cases to have them near the office. Patients will guard against being influenced by any one directing them to other doctors. As a further proof of the doctor's ability to cure people by electricity, we mention the following names:

Ex-Sheriff Schep's daughter, proprietor of Northwestern hotel, corner Front and Clay streets, Portland, loss of appetite, liver complaint and rheumatic neuralgia for six months, cured.

Wm. M. Colwell, Skamokawa, Wash., sciatic rheumatism and liver complaint, restored to health; also his brother, Geo. D. Colwell, Skamokawa, Wash., was cured of a numbness of the arm.

Mrs. E. Ahlf, 190 North Fourteenth street Portland, cured after nine doctors had failed, of painful menstruation and womb trouble in every conceivable way, general debility, pain through the heart and lungs.

Charles Christman, Portland, Oregon, scrofulous catarrh so bad that destruction of the nose was threatened and had become so offensive that it was sickening both to himself and friends, cured in two months.

C. McLaughlin, Portland—Cathedral deafness, could scarcely hear a sound or the car bells and was in constant fear of being run over by wagons, cured so he can hear ordinary conversation.

Levi Barnes, Stayton, Or., heart disease, dyspepsia, pain through the heart and lungs and general nervous debility, many times he would fall as though dead, when everything seemed to turn black before his eyes, successfully treated.

D. Campbell, Fulton, Or., says he would not take \$10,000 for the cure he received by Dr. Darrin. His trouble originated by three small lumps or tumors coming on his arm which rendered his arm and hand perfectly helpless for one year.

Go to the Red Front Billiard Hall, Canyon City, for fine wines, liquors and cigars.

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