

# THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Dec. 26.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

School is in vacation till after the Holiday season.

Now is the time to frame your good resolutions for 1890.

McBean was the first stage man to bring his mail in on a sleigh.

About the only mining in these parts now is done around a hot stove.

Gibbs received his sentence of life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Salem.

The clerk is in receipt of a brand new piece of Harney county script worth \$19,000.64.

The ball last evening was well attended, but occurred too late to be reported in this issue.

The West Shore is the best and only illustrated weekly west of Chicago, and improves with each issue.

Six Fields had a shooting match for turkeys, geese and chickens at her ranch last Friday, and a dance at night.

"Sandy" Olds, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Emil Weber in Portland, has been granted a new trial.

County treasurer Holey has received in behalf of the state, the proceeds of the sale of the few personal effects of the late Tom Mills.

Send in a report of the Christmas festivities in your neighborhood and we will publish it if we know the name of the writer.

Brad Threabridge who raises none but good horses was in town the other day driving a magnificent span of newly broke four-year-olds.

State Printer Baker has the thanks of the News for a pamphlet entitled "The Resources of the State of Oregon," and for other favors.

Oregon democratic newspapers appear to be solid for Governor Penney as the candidate of his party for the governorship in the next election.

Mr. A. J. Cummings was to have had a Christmas tree at his place Tuesday evening, where the neighbors should congregate and have a social time.

The chicken thief has been abroad in the land and has visited the hen-roost of poor old "Brigham." Please don't steal any more from the poor old crippled man.

Married, at the Cobb hotel, John Day, Saturday, Dec. 21, 1889, by Co. Judge N. R. Maxey, Mr. Joseph Masterson and Mrs. Hattie Daly, both residents of Grant county.

John Schmidt had a mare stolen from his ranch in Bear valley last November, and had some posters printed at this office offering \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

The most convenient, valuable, and unique business table or desk calendar for 1890, is the Columbia Bicycle Calendar and Stand, issued by the Pope Mfg. Co., of Boston, Mass.

Col. Sam Carpenter, a successful miner of northern Grant, has been in the city during the week visiting old friends and acquaintances, and told us to send the News to his son in Wash.

The Polk County Observer says it took 104 men to work that oak tree up that stood just west of the Observer office—one man to do the work and 103 to look on and express an opinion as to how the work should be done.

Friends and fellow citizens of one of the political parties, wake up and secure the nomination of a Harney or a Grant county man for joint senator for this district. Can we afford to entrust that important mission to a citizen of Morrow county!

Bids for keeping the poor of Grant county will be for the day or week and "per head" for each county charge. This is far better than the old method when the successful bidder received a certain sum, whether his wards were few or many.

The sheriff, by "haying on hands," secured a \$75 bill from C. C. Hurt, in part payment of the capture and trial of T. H. Garner against whom Hunt failed to appear. In Spokane a corpse was attached and Pendleton comes in a good second with the attachment of a Bible.—E. O.

A school exhibition given by the pupils of the public school at John Day last Friday evening was enjoyed by a number of people, and showed the little folks to have had careful training by Prof. Bonham. The entertainment consisted in speeches, music, dialogues, etc., and is never surpassed by traveling four-bit shows. A social dance was given after the entertainment.

We copy from an exchange the following: "Any person who can give any information concerning one John Tope, a traveling dentist, who died somewhere in Oregon or northern California, some four years ago, will confer a favor by addressing the undersigned. His mother in Australia is very anxious to learn something of his death, and is willing to reward anyone who can tell her about her son. Address R. F. Clark, Verdugo, Los Angeles county, Cal." As a traveling dentist named J. H. Tope died in the vicinity of Hamilton or Monument about that time perhaps some of the residents of that portion of Grant county might be able to give the desired information.

## PRAIRIE CITY PRATTLE.

Willie Starr and Harry Allen returned from Baker City Saturday. Sheriff Gray was up last week on a hunt for hay which he secured, and were told at the ranch of H. Meador.

Henry Chambers and his best girl were in town during the week it is supposed to arrange for the wedding.

The party that left here for Granite to do assessment work for Dr. Thebadoc, returned last week. They found the tunnel closed up with snow and the cabin burnt down.

Invitations are out to a select few for the pearl wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hough. Mr. Hough has been again persuaded to accept the responsible position of road supervisor, somewhat against his will, as it was his intention to run for sheriff or Co. judge, at the next election.

Bill Johnson, of Sumpter came to Prairie last week, he says the Cracker creek quartz mill has started up and is running night and day; he says there will be another mill built at the Columbia mine next summer, so we may look for lively times at that camp in the near future.

We noticed the smiling countenance of Sam Carpenter again last week. He has just returned from his mines, he says the snow is about 4 feet deep over there and thinks the miners will have all the water they need next season for mining purposes.

There came near being a conflagration in town last week. Henry Dodson's little girl got hold of some matches and set the curtains on fire in the hall up stairs, assistance was promptly on hand and little damage was done.

## OBSERVER.

Generally cold and stormy. The king of Siam has just married twenty new wives.

When money gets tight it ought to make a man's pocket-book full.

Heavy rains continue in California, keeping the rivers full and melting the mountain snows.

The Christmas tree Tuesday evening was in Masonic hall, and well laden with beautiful presents.

These are days to try men, soulds. Instead of "Hail to the Chief," we are singing "Welcome to the Handkerchief."

Bear valley is said to have about two and a half feet of snow—more than they have had for two years, and it was needed to wet the soil.

The law of Dakota is, that any person shall be allowed a credit of \$5 on his road tax, that shall provide a watering trough beside the road, \$3 extra where bucket and cup are added.

Lawyer Parrish was appointed notary public by Gov. Penney, and purchased an official seal, out the very first document that came under his hand and seal broke the latter short off, necessitating the sending for a new seal.

The jury in the Cronin case find Beggs not guilty. Kunze guilty of manslaughter and place his sentence at three years in the penitentiary. P. O. Sullivan, Daniel Coughlin and Martin Burke, each got a life sentence for murder.

A united effort should be put forth by our citizens early in 1890 for the establishment in Baker City of reduction works. The enterprise can be had if persistent effort is put forth and it would do more for Baker City than all other things combined.—Democrat.

Van DeLashmitt, mayor of Portland, was recently questioned with regard to the report that a gubernatorial bid was buzzing in his bonnet. "I am not a candidate for the nomination," said he, "and will make no effort to obtain it; but if it is tendered me I probably will not refuse. Indeed I think that but few men in Oregon would decline the nomination for governor if offered."

A dispatch from Wyoming says: A prospector just back to Cheyenne, says that a reign of terror was terminated by the shooting of several men and the hanging of eleven. A lawless band, led by a desperado called Kettle Jack, was the cause of the trouble, and punishment was meted out to the outthroat gang. Jack and four partners appeared in the basin eighteen months ago, equipped for prospecting, but they never moved a rock nor turned a shovelful of earth. The fellows had reached an earthly paradise and lived in luxurious ease, hunting and fishing. Being re-enforced by kindred spirits, they established a veritable mountain castle, building a fine log house in a deep valley, with a block fort at the head of the entrance leading to the rendezvous. The settlers only quietly grumbled when the intruders commenced slaughtering beef, but objected when the horse stealing commenced. A squad of desperadoes would drive off stock from the range and dare the owners to interfere. Frequently there were fights in which the settlers were always worsted. An old man and his two grown sons attempted to retake their bunch of horses, but were cruelly maimed, killed and left with a brutal note of warning on each breast. The gang came to own the basin, which is a hundred miles long by sixty wide, and contains 400 people.

## GRANITE GRAINS.

Ed. News: Cold! Thermometer down to 12 below.

H. Drewett leaves for Prairie City in a few days. His mill will be shut down until spring.

Our city is quiet; but little coming or going. Everybody seems to have urgent business at home.

J. H. Mitchell, at Robinsonville, has struck another rich pocket and has taken out \$2000 in a few days.

C. S. Miller who was thought to have been lost on Greenhorn turned up all O. K., and says he had no idea of creating such a sensation.

We will have a Christmas tree and a grand ball. Mr. Thornberg is building an addition to his hotel 20x24 which will be completed by that time and used for such purposes.

In your last issue 'twas stated in the Prairie City news that Messrs. Dodson, Cohoe and Hough, had gone to Granite to work the assessments on some mines. I guess they are the same who passed through our city but who soon returned, and of course the work was legally, lawfully, judiciously, without malice or forethought did. Below is a faithful copy of the affidavit which was filed before our L. C. I:

We the below named parties employed to work annual assessment on the "Morning Glory" mine, hereby affirm that we have been to (or near to) the said mine and that we did diligently labor, at, on or in said mine to the value of \$100, and that as proof of said work we did, severally and individually leave our impression in the snow and date-ably wrote our names day and date in said snow, so that any one may visit the place when the summer winds blow cool and see for themselves.

Signed, D. C. & H.

Before our L. C. I.

The event of the season was the entertainment given by the school last Saturday night, assisted by some young men outside the school as the large girls outnumbered the large boys, these young men came in to sustain the equilibrium.

The performance was good, especially the parts taken by the little folks. Mattie's Lullaby was childish and well rendered. The doll fair was good, each doing their parts well. Last but not least was Leona's "Fixing things up," where she entertains Miss Emma's beau, while she is arranging her back hair, etc., and some folks even say she told some little truths as well, but we do not know. The Hard Shell sermon by Elmer was laughable and he showed his dislike to water by upsetting the glass while the water dashed into Ford's music box.

The Granite Woman's Association held a stormy session which condemned the idea that women would take. The tableau, Rock of Ages was beautiful, excepting the black cross, this should have been white. The drawing card, which was play No. 6, Duke Street, which was well rendered and was a decided hit. There was stamping of feet and clapping of hands during the most of the entertainment, in fact until the close, as the room was very cold and the fire was far away from the most of them.

## WINNERS AT WASHINGTON.

The following aspirants have been made happy by appointment to Federal positions in the great State of Oregon:

For United States marshal, Louis T. Barin, chairman of the republican state central committee during the past campaign.

For collector of customs, at Portland, R. P. Earhart, for two terms secretary of state.

For collector of internal revenue, Colonel Milton Weidner, who was strongly recommended for the position of U. S. Marshal.

For surveyor general, Hon. W. H. Byers, of Salem, a journalist by profession, and a practical surveyor. He was formerly state printer.

For United States district attorney, F. P. Mays, of The Dalles.

For postmaster at Portland, Geo. A. Steel.

For receiver of the land office at Roseburg, Andrew M. Crawford, of Marshfield.

For supervisor of the census for Eastern Oregon, Dr. J. W. Strange.

As a commission to appraise the lands of the Umatilla Indian reservation, J. W. Summerville, J. B. Eddy and J. P. Bushee, all of Pendleton, Umatilla county.

For register of the land office at La Grande, Lon Cleaver, of Baker City.

## Come to Time.

All persons indebted to Guernsey & Southworth for lumber are requested to call and settle on or before the first day of January 1890, or costs must be added to their account.

O. GUERNSY.

Canyon City, Or., Dec. 24, 1889.

## Attention Comrades.

Members of Gen. Hancock Post No. 34, G. A. R., are requested to be present at a regular meeting on the evening of Dec. 31st, at Grange hall, John Day, at the usual hour of meeting. Business of importance. By order of R. V. BUNN, POST COMMANDER.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1889.

### ED. GRANT CO. NEWS:—

George Washington could find no flaw in the sunshine of Wednesday, the one hundredth anniversary of his inauguration as President of the United States. At 10 o'clock the Capitol was closed to the general public, admission being only by card. Before 11 o'clock a long line of people were in waiting. Not since Mr. Blaine spoke at the memorial session in February 1883, of President Garfield's untimely taking off, has so large and distinguished an audience occupied the House. The House floor was covered with extra seats for the distinguished guests.

A red line made a semi-circle around the speaker's desk, composed of red leather, sofas and cushions, placed there for the use of the President and his Cabinet and the members of the supreme bench. A big, imposing chair awaited the President and one nearly like it was ready for the secretary of State. Back of these sofas were cane seat chairs placed between the desks of the members for the accommodation of the representatives of the several foreign governments. All over the House were seats prominently placarded for prominent guests.

Some of the arrangements were badly made, or rather many arrangements were not made at all. When the governors of the thirteen original states entered in a body they stood around for about five minutes, a lonely little knot of gray haired men, and no one spoke to them. General Fitzhugh Lee, who loves to pose and is generally the object of an ovation, looked deeply mortified, as did governor Jackson. No seats had been provided for these guests and it was only after considerable delay that room was found for them on the last row of seats on the democratic side. It was an unparadise blunder, and is another instance of the blundering incompetency of Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom, who allowed his cashier to walk off with everything in sight.

The scene in the galleries was very brilliant, the costumes of the ladies being very rich. The ladies of the White House were not present on account of the death of Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Harrison's sister. Two cabinet ladies also remained away through good nature, but slightly overdrawn, sympathy with Mrs. Harrison, but Mrs. Blaine and Mrs. Blaine were present, as well as others of the cabinet ladies.

The music was of course of the finest character. With a judgment rare in Congressional committees of arrangement, the Chaplain of the senate, Dr. Butler, was assigned to pray and Rev. Mr. Milburn to invoke the benediction. If this order had been reversed, Rev. Dr. Milburn's unfortunate ability to "tell the Lord all the news" as Speaker Reed says, might have asserted itself.

The oration of Chief Justice Fuller, who wore his robes of office and read his remarks in a clear though not strong voice and with very little attempt at oratorical effect, was a very sensible and scholarly production. Of course, an audience of Americans who have been raised on daily doses of George Washington's virtues and the glories of the Republic cannot be expected to give rapt attention to a repetition of the old facts, but it was a good oration for all that. At its conclusion the applause was led off by Secretary Blaine, who also warmly congratulated the orator.

The Silcott investigating committee will report to-morrow. It will exonerate the book keeper and paying teller of the Sergeant-at-Arms office from all blame or charge of the neglect. The committee will also state that it finds its jurisdiction limited so far as making recommendations about the loss of the money taken by Silcott is concerned, but will submit the statutes governing the Sergeant-at-Arms and leave it to the House to decide whether the loss shall fall on the individual members of the House, or on the government.

A bill will undoubtedly be introduced in the House to reimburse the members from the treasury. This bill will if passed by the House, be probably killed in the senate, where it can only meet the most bitter opposition.

On sober second thought most lawyers are agreed that cashier Silcott acted as the personal messenger of the individual members when he drew the money from the treasury, that the receipts had been merely handed to him like so many transferred checks and he was only a messenger of theirs. Every U. S. treasurer during the past twenty years has taken occasion to remind congress annually of the crying necessity for a safer system of paying congressional salaries. Everybody has been warned. A bill to reimburse the members would be a far bolder measure than the salary grab in the seventies.

### Come, Settle Up.

All persons indebted to Groth & Thompson, are hereby notified that they must come up with the cash on or before January 1st, 1890, or costs of collection will be added.

GROTH & THOMPSON. Canyon City, Nov. 27, 1889.

A man lost \$2,000,000 in less than one minute the other day. Cause, heart disease.

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

A little girl in Arkansas has been found with three tongues. If that girl ever gets married—but why dwell on such horrible anticipations?

Foreign engineers report that at the present rate of sinking the northern coast of France will in a few centuries be completely submerged.

At Calusa, Cal., chickens and turkeys, after roosting for days in trees and coops, owing to high water, fell by hundreds into the water and perished.

It would be perfectly safe to lay a heavy wager that generosity is not the motive which prompts a woman to give her husband a piece of her mind.

The silver men in congress will ignore Windom's plan and support a bill either for free coinage, or the compulsory coinage of the maximum of 4,000,000 standard dollars per month.

The editor of the Troy (N. Y.) Press knows how to combine a business and religious item. He says, and says truly: "Intermittent religion is like intermittent advertising; it only insures intermittent reward."

Apples are selling for a dollar and a quarter a box in Portland, at wholesale; and this is Oregon, the "land of the big red apple." A good orchard, well taken care of, will be a very good substitute for a gold mine hereafter.

The man who gives his time and money in trying to connect with the pie wheel of the Louisiana lottery is likely to come to the conclusion that life is not worth living. And indeed it is so for him. The wheel of fortune knows its proprietor.

The Troy Press advocates the formation of societies for the encouragement of the laugh, which it says, makes men morally and physically better. The laugh is undeniably good; but to be pleasing as well as healthful it must always be on "the other fellow."

Ballot paper to be legal must hereafter be secured from the County Clerk. All tickets used at the general election must be 12 inches long, and 4 inches wide, and the tickets used at special or municipal elections must be 6 inches long and 4 inches wide. Paste this in your hats ye politicians.

The statistician has been dipping into figures, and has discovered that the women of America spend \$62,000,000 per annum for face powder and paint. The W. C. T. U. ought to take hold of the matter at once. That sum would buy a bag of flour or four bushels of potatoes for every man, woman and child in America.

An item has occurred in the surrounding papers to the effect that there is talk of dividing Wasco county again, and making Antelope the county seat of the new county. After Wasco let Sherman county off, she was able to reduce her taxes, but as they are yet rather high, and the county very large in consequence she will probably not be adverse to the scheme of letting off another slice.—Fossil Journal.

Major Dalrymple, brother of the Earl of Stair, is in jail at Montreal. The Major recently went from Canada to the Rocky mountains with Lord and Lady Colchane. He was in an impecunious state and pawned everything he owned. A few days ago he found himself unable to pay a hackman and was locked up. He would like to correspond with an American heiress with a view to matrimony.

The discussion at Washington over "low necked" dresses is very thrilling to the female world, but it only serves to confirm the old remark that with fashionable women there is no absolute fixed standard of modest or immodest dress. A woman of this sort may have very vague ideas about what stands for indecency, but she always knows what stands for impropriety. Not to wear a low necked dress would be a fashionable impropriety, and that point once decided, the question of indecency or immodesty is never considered. A fashionable woman would not appear before her children at breakfast or dinner in the garb of society, but if society ordered it she would go to a public reception in the costume of a ballet dancer. The "low necked dress" is born of the same vanity that persuades every dude at the sea shore to select a bathing dress that permits the largest exposure of his nudity that the spectators will endure.—Oregonian.

### Commendable.

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You can save big money by going to Coffin & McFarland, Heppner, for your Fall and Winter Supplies. They keep everything, and have cut prices down so that they are the lowest priced store in Oregon.

Professor Loissette'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.

Good grass and water all the way to Heppner and 160 miles of travel saved on the round trip, over the Dalles route. Prices of goods lower and wool higher. Go to Coffin & McFarland, they keep the largest stock and sell more goods than any store in Oregon. Why? Because their prices are lower; they buy everything by the car load.

The title of colonel in Kentucky seems to be applied indiscriminately. It is given alike to the owner of a distillery, to a congressman, to an editor, to a railroad official and to an officeholder. One would suppose that in Kentucky the owner of a distillery would rank much higher than the rest of these persons, and require at least the title of general.

Hood's Sarsaparilla calendar for 1890 is out and the demand for it is certain to be immense, for a more "taking" calendar it is difficult to even imagine. Art and utility are beautifully blended in the lovely girl's head on a dark olive background, and the neat pad appended giving the months in concise, readable shape, with a history of the year alternating, in rhyme, and also illustrated. Early application at the druggists will be necessary to secure this gem. If you fail there, send 6 cents in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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## WONDERFUL CURE BY ELECTRICITY.

Mr. Editor—Sir: I have been under Dr. Darrin's electric treatment for liver and kidney complaint and various other troubles. I had become very fleshy and he reduced me eighteen pounds in six months. In nearly all respects I am cured. Refer to me at Freeport, Wash.

L. P. SMITH.

MRS. VLIET, OF PORTLAND HEIGHTS, OREGON.

Mr. Editor: I have been under treatment for the last three years for a severe form of neuralgia or ticdouloureux in the head by some of the best physicians in the east, but received no relief. Have been under Dr. Darrin's electric treatment four months and am now sure he has effected a permanent cure.

MRS. F. W. VLIET, Portland Heights.

MISS CAMPBELL'S GOOD LUCK.

Mr. Editor: I am happy to state that Dr. Darrin, through his electric treatment, has cured me of catarrh, bronchitis and weak lungs. I reside on Sixth street, East Portland, and am employed at Litt's dressmaking establishment, where I can be referred to.

MISS SADIE L. CAMPBELL.

Dr. Darrin's New Place of Business.