

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Jan. 30.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Weather sharps are of the opinion that the cold weather will last until about the middle of February.

Dr. Orr was called over to Bear valley day before yesterday to visit Mrs. Pearson who was seriously ill. Owing to snow he didn't go.

On the Baker road on Dixie mountain snow is said to lay about six feet in the timber where it does not drift.

The oldest resident says he never saw so much south wind during the month of January as has prevailed during the past month.

John Hollis was severely kicked in the side by a horse one day last week, but is out of danger at present. Dr. Barber was in attendance.

Snow is drifted pretty deep beyond Marysville. Doc. Cameron cannot see some of his fence, but has faith to believe that it is still there.

A man named Jones died at John Day Monday morning of consumption. He was out of funds, and being cared for at the expense of the county.

Stewart and Harvey Fields are the heaviest losers of sheep in the lower valley, but we have been unable to learn their exact loss so far.

Sheriff Gray is busy collecting taxes. Owing to the state levy not being made earlier he has the worst time of the year to travel about the county.

The railroad company succeeded in raising the snow blockade, but that was almost immediately succeeded by several more between Portland and Baker City.

That it pays to advertise in the News has again been demonstrated. Geo. Learned recovered his only team of horses by the use of a little printer's ink.

Snow on the Harney end of the southern mail route prevented John Wash from connecting with McLean last Friday, consequently he arrived here Sunday with no through mail.

Several mines in the Greenhorn and Elk creek sections have been looted by Horace Sloan to Portland capitalists, who will, if they consummate the trade, make a great stir there next summer.

We learn in a roundabout way that "Forty-nine Jimmy" of Robinsonville, whose right name is James Diffen, died a few days ago. We know not how true the rumor is, but hope that it is false.

Judge Fee will in all probability hold the March term of court here. Judge Clifford having been counsel in a great many law cases prior to his appointment, cannot of course preside as judge very well during their trial.

In publishing a list of I. O. O. F. installations last week the names of the two most important officers were omitted, to-wit: Secretary and Treasurer, G. I. Hazeltine and D. G. Overholt were installed into these offices, respectively.

Fifty-seven thousand dollars in a ton of rock is pretty good for Grant county. That is the assay from a two inch vein of tellurium ore from Horace Sloan's mine on Elk creek. If that does not encourage the mining industry nothing else will.

Jack Newcomb who returned from the desert last Thursday reports the loss of stock around Wagontire something enormous. He thinks that vicinity, the desert and Harney and the Malheur country will experience an average stock loss of 75 per cent.

Mr. Blanton who arrived from Bear valley Tuesday says that settlers over there with a few exceptions have been sufficient for their stock until the middle of March, and he doesn't think the loss will be so very great as has been predicted if a breakup occurs during February.

The masquerade Friday night passed off pleasantly, although there were comparatively few in attendance owing to the stormy evening and prevailing sickness. Characters and persons and things without number were represented, the "GRANT CO. NEWS" being the costume of Miss Jennie Lucas.

W. W. Brown of Wagontire, Harney county, out of a band of 5000 sheep had lost week already lost 2,000 of them, so we have been informed by a man just over from there. Besides that, stock of all kinds were still dying. Horsemen were picking out their best animals and turning the balance out to die.

Down the river the hills are becoming sufficiently bare to permit stock to graze quite comfortably. We understand several sheepmen, among whom are Tom Carl and Wm. Wymer, have turned their sheep out on the range, and they seem to be doing well on the grass which obtained a splendid growth before the snow came.

A Canyon City postess has contributed a poem of sixteen lines to the News foundry, dedicated to the "grip." Now, we like to encourage struggling genius—and this poem indicates latent talent—but are compelled to draw the line at "grip." Poems on spring and the snow or even the "cheerful chinook" would at this time be in order, but the editor having been in the coils of the "grip" for over three weeks feels a great aversion to perpetuating its memory in verse.

GREENHORN ZEPHYRS.

Ed. News: I have not seen our country represented in your columns, so herewith send you a few items concerning the mines of this section, which no doubt you are always glad to publish for the good of Grant county and the interest of your readers.

Lane Bro's are busy getting in their logs at their mill at the mouth of Camp creek. They intend to cut considerable lumber the coming spring.

Sloan & Haskell's steam derrick is all ready to run when the water starts, except raising their mast. A large fir will serve as a mast and will be placed in position soon.

Ives Bro's are at work on their ledge on Bear creek about one mile below Susanville. At present it is opened up by grading across the ledge in the hills, they having uncovered it about 18 feet wide. The ore will mill at least \$20.00 a ton.

Messrs. Stevenson, Smith & Scott are at work on their Columbia mine, which is a fine piece of property. The ledge is from 5 to 7 feet wide, of fine looking ore, and by the assays that have been made heretofore, would think that it would run high.

H. W. Sloan is working at present on his Mockingbird ledge. He has a tunnel run in on the ledge 150 feet. The ledge at present is about 32 inches wide, and assays from \$25 upwards. He has got a seam of tellurium ore two inches wide passing off into the quartzite, that will assay up in the hundreds. An assay of the tellurium alone went \$57,000 to the ton. He is also working on his tunnel to tap the old Cabbie mine at a great depth.

Petition for liquor license New today.

Bring on your railroad to Grant county.

The News shop printed a wad of final receipts for the U. S. Land Office at Burns last week.

We will describe the new boundaries of the several road districts in the county in our next issue.

It is a little early to sound the alarm, but Canada's chief quarantine officer expects cholera next season.

The Russian government gets about thirty six hundred pounds of pure gold every year from the mines of eastern Siberia.

Joe Combs has leased his saloon and fixtures to John Solinger, who will take possession of the same about March first.

Neil Hall reports his stock all right, but he informed us yesterday he had purchased an additional stock of hay for them.

The cry of fire woke the echoes of Saturday morning's early hours. The place of excitement was the residence of Mrs. John Fisk, a defective stovepipe having caused the alarm. A few buckets of water applied where it did the most good was all that was necessary—but keep an eye on your stovepipes this windy weather.

A woman preacher in Boston predicts the end of the world in 1896 because a child while in a trance saw a figure 9 which slipped over and became a 6. The child also saw a harp with broken strings over the figure. Six years yet in which to prepare for this event and pay up all your old accounts, but better attend to it right away, and not wait too long.

The Items says that Henry Miller of California who owns extensive herds in Harney county, refuses to send any more money to Oregon to be squandered until he sees some big beef steers coming to market.

He may look with longing eyes for many months before he sees big fat steers wending their way from Harney valley to the land of Orange blossoms.

Horace Sloan arrived home from Elk creek Sunday. In company with Mr. Smith the trip of some 26 miles from Smith's ranch on Middle Fork to Sloan's ranch on the John Day was made in about twelve hours in a bob sled, the snow being badly drifted on portions of the road. Mr. Sloan reports about seven feet of snow on Greenhorn mountain, and anticipates a profitable season for his placer mines over there.

ANOTHER MAN HUNG—His "stocking by the chimney with care" and was tickled almost to death to find that his good wife had anticipated his near at hand wants and filled the stockings with Standard Seeds, grown and put up by D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Michigan, who, on application, will mail you free a copy of their Seed Annual, for 1890. This is the most useful of all seed catalogues, not only for experienced gardeners, but for the novice as well. Send your name and address for a copy to D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Michigan.

Whenever some crank wants to get before the public and has exhausted unusual methods without success, he presents a memorial to congress suggesting a new name for this country, or rather suggesting giving it a name for it has at present what some writer has called only a descriptive designation. The natural name would be America and the only objection to its use is that we only control part of America. However, the present designation will serve until we absorb Canada and Mexico and then we will change the name to North America, which will answer every purpose.

PRAIRIE CITY ITEMS.

Prairie City, Jan. 28. Seeing that our correspondent has failed to give the news of our busy little burg, I take the responsibility of dropping you a few lines and hope, though feeble they be, may meet the approbation of the curious public.

Grip has not reached here yet. The Friday night socials are quite a success.

Chinese New Year passed off quietly, ending in a fight.

There was a large cougar killed up the river one day.

Rice McHaley took his departure Friday for the Malheur.

Willie Starr is talking of taking a flying business trip to the East.

John Austin has returned from the Malheur, reporting that stock are dying fast in that section.

Cattle, horses and sheep appear to enjoy the winter—occasionally turning their feet heavenward.

Dave Taylor is now the leading ladies man of Prairie. He can be seen out riding most any day with four or five ladies, driving a dashing team, and bells on his horses too.

There has been a gradual thaw during the past week, melting the snow, slow but sure. Sleigh riding will soon be a thing of the past, although we noticed Doc. Bohmer and Mose Durkheimer out in a new cutter Sunday. Doc. seeming to enjoy most of the sport.

There was quite an excitement in town Friday night after the dance. Patsy Daly met with a narrow escape. While helping some young ladies into his sleigh, the horses became frightened, and immediately took flight for parts unknown.

There are two hotels in town, two blacksmith shops, five stores and one postoffice.

Don't forget the Sheet and Pillowcase ball, given by the young ladies on the 14th.

Earl Blinn who has been very sick for some time past is slowly recovering.

We noticed Henry Trowbridge and Brad Herburger upon our streets.

This is all I can think of this time. Leaves us in good health. CHEERFULNESS.

It has been proposed to add Utah to Nevada as a way of smuggling it into statehood.

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

Rev's Eads and Hayes are conducting a protracted meeting at John Day City. All are invited.

The chinook has blown the snow from the hills in this vicinity and nearly all the lower hills surrounding the valley.

Basche & Co., Baker City, have a full line of ice skates from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per pair. Mail orders promptly filled.

Master Phil Beeson was seriously injured while riding down hill Monday. It is hoped his injuries will not prove fatal.

In Germany the law makes servants give a month's notice before leaving. The mistress must give similar word before a discharge.

The Baker City stage driver unloaded eleven sacks of mail at the postoffice Tuesday night. We are somewhat of a literary community.

The National Wool Growers have effected the strongest possible organization, and now feel that their industry cannot be damaged.

A social dance was given Tuesday evening, the proceeds to be presented to Jack Stevens, who has lain sick the greater part of the winter.

Cattle are reported to be dying by the thousands throughout the ranges of Idaho. The loss to one owner alone thus far is said to be about 4,000 head.

The band boys are contemplating giving a ball here on the evening of Feb. 21st, the G. A. R. having concluded to not have an entertainment at that time.

The bill for the relief of congressmen who were "out of pocket" by the defalcation of Silcott failed to pass, so the government will not have to make the several amounts good.

A Michigan man buried his wife, put up a headstone, repainted his house married a second wife, and dug five acres of potatoes within seventeen days, and yet he says he can't begin to hustle as his father used to.

An exchange, in noting the fact that a clover blossom was found on Christmas day, says that a prophecy was made in 1462 that after the first clover blossom found on Christmas day, sixty-two days from then the world would come to an end. That will make the event due on Sunday, February 23.

A veritable epidemic of suicide seems to have set in in New York in connection with la grippe. Not only have several victims of the malady taken their own lives to end their sufferings, but it seems very clearly proven that disorders of the brain follow the track of the influenza.

COUNTY COURT.

COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL.

Reports of various road supervisors were examined and approved.

Grant county was re-districted into road districts, and by the assistance of C. W. Parrish a map of Grant county was made, defining the boundaries of the road districts in the county.

A list of two hundred residents and voters of the county were drawn and selected subject to jury duty during the year.

In the matter of the claim of P. Caris for damages in consequence of the change made in the laying out of the John Day wagon road it appearing that the assessors of such damage did not receive notice of the time set by the court, it was ordered that said assessors shall meet at the house of P. Caris and view the premises and ascertain how much less valuable the land will be by reason of the change in said road, and report to this court on or before the first day of the next regular term, March 5th, 1890.

The sum of \$75.00 was appropriated to defray the expenses of the assessor of Grant county to attend the convention of the assessors of this state in accordance with the call of said convention by Gov. Penoyer.

In the matter of the claim of John Fisk for \$200 on alleged contract for keeping the county poor, owing to the absence of claimant's attorney, S. S. Denning, from the county seat, and the further reason that there was not time before the adjournment of court to properly investigate the case, it was postponed until next regular term.

One, Clinger, was declared a county charge, and ordered to be placed under the care of J. W. Bates, contractor.

Bills amounting to \$6,707.70 were allowed, and warrants ordered drawn for the same.

PROBATE JOURNAL.

Monday, the third day of March, was set as the day for hearing objections to the final account of Jasper Davis administrator of the estate of J. M. Bright, deceased.

Final account of Mary D. Aye, administratrix of the estate of Wm. Aye, deceased, was filed, and an order made that said administratrix deliver the possession of said real estate to the heirs of said estate, and upon the filing of the proper receipts with the clerk of this court the administratrix be discharged and her bondmen exonerated.

Anton Hacheney was appointed administrator of the estate of Lucinda Thompson deceased, giving bonds in the sum of \$20,000. Wm. Luce, J. A. Laycock and John Muldree were appointed to appraise the property of said estate.

Maria F. Mueller, administratrix of the estate of Henry Mueller, deceased, was granted until the March term to make her semi-annual report.

Geo. W. Parrish administrator of the estate of D. J. Parrish, deceased was ordered to pay in full all claims presented and allowed, amounting to the sum of \$141.60.

E. Hall, administrator of the estate of T. M. Overfelt, deceased, filed his semi-annual report.

Robert Neece, administrator of the estate of John R. Miller, deceased, having filed vouchers, etc., was discharged and his bondmen released.

D. B. Fisk, administrator of the estate of W. S. Sage, deceased, filed his final account, and was discharged.

In the matter of the estate of F. Wingard, deceased, various claims were ordered paid.

Thos. McEwen, administrator of the estate of Batt J. Todd, deceased filed his final account, which was approved and the administrator discharged and his bondmen released.

John Laurance, administrator of the estate of Chas. E. Reynolds, deceased, filed his report, and same was approved.

A Chambersburg, Pa., youth thought he ought to try some of his girl's cooking before marriage. He ate a dinner which she prepared with her own hands and hasn't been to see her since.

The Dallas Times Mountaineer says: We are reliably informed that matters are crystallized for a formation of a joint stock company for building a railroad to the interior of Grant county, and also one to Goldendale. These will be the best advertisements The Dallas can receive, and will insure her growth and prosperity.

Some are born to greatness, others have greatness thrust upon them and still another class are possessed of "cheek." The last named will call at your office, ask for a copy of the paper and then thank you, without inquiring the price. It is the same as if a man were to enter a store, call for a quantity of sugar or salt, and then walk out thanking the merchant—Mountaineer.

Captain H. Smith of Hagerston, Md., who died recently, leaving a handsome property directed in his will that his funeral expenses should not exceed \$30, and that his remains should be conveyed in a spring wagon. It directed that his body be wrapped in a cloth, packed in unslaked lime, and that \$5 be set aside for some one to pour water into his coffin until the lime crumpled the body.

MOUNTAIN CREEK MUSINGS.

Mountain Creek, Jan. 28. Miss Rosa Quirallo of Waterman, is paying an extended visit to Miss Ora Barnhouse.

C. M. Smith brought his family home from Bridge creek, Saturday, where they have been snowbound since New Year.

We are up with the rest of the world in following the latest parisian style, very few having escaped an attack of la grippe.

Mr. Barnhouse is taking advantage of the snow, to have several horses broke to the harness, under the skillful management of Mr. Emil Straub.

The snow is still with us, and seems to have come to stay. The weather has moderated considerably, the temperature the past week ranging from 20 to 40 above zero.

Mr. Derr has been obliged to discontinue the school at his place, to allow the boys to assist in taking care of the sheep. His loss of sheep is light proportionately. Anyone with plenty of hay to sell, could get almost any price for it in this neighborhood.

S. M.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

The following list of road supervisors were appointed by the commissioners' court, and required to enter into an undertaking according to law.

1. T. J. Smith, Canyon City.
2. John Shelly, John Day.
3. Hermann Lohman, Big Pine.
4. Joseph Deardorff, Strawberry.
5. Sam Hough, Prairie City.
6. Wm. Luce, Luce District.
7. Walter Carsner, Middle.
8. J. H. Baker, Rock & Mountain.
9. R. N. Donnelly, Shoshoni.
10. Martin Massiker, Haystack.
11. H. A. Cupper, Monument.
12. Dan Morrow, Long Creek.
13. W. O. Gentry, Fox.
14. G. L. Skinner, Ritter.
15. H. Richey, Susanville.
16. T. A. Henniger, Granite.
17. J. P. Mulcare, Bear & Silvies.
18. James Wickiser, Rosebud.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21, '90.

Ed. GRANT CO. NEWS:—

The death of Walker Blaine is the first death of any prominent person in Washington from "la grippe." Less than a week before his death, Mr. Blaine attended the reception to Mrs. Gen. Grant, where he contracted the cold which prostrated him. From the first the symptoms were chills and pains throughout the body. Death was very unexpected.

Walker Blaine was thirty-five years of age and unmarried. Few young men have had so many opportunities in public life. He was literally brought up in luxurious public positions. He was third secretary of state when his father was in President Garfield's cabinet. While thus employed he was sent to Chili and Peru to inquire into the disputed rights of American citizens there. He was recalled by President Arthur. In 1883 he was appointed junior counsel for the United States before the Alabama claims court. From 1886 to 1889 Walker Blaine was out of office, and was employed as a railroad attorney, with little to do and plenty of assistants to do it for him. Within two weeks after President Harrison's inauguration Mr. Blaine was nominated examiner of claims in the state department, which made him the confidential representative of the secretary.

Walker Blaine was a young man of decided abilities and vast experience. He had also great push and energy, combined with complete confidence in himself. If his life teaches one lesson more than another, it is that there are many greater misfortunes than being born the son of the foremost American politician.

Senator Farwell's ire is still up against the administration. That he is only prevented from making an open and bitter attack upon President Harrison by the constant persuasion of his friends, is no secret. He is full of fight, and longing for an opportunity. One thing he has announced that he will do, and that is to fight the appointment of Clark nominated as collector of customs for the port of Chicago without a consultation with either of the senators from Illinois. It is understood that Clark and Senator Farwell have been bitterest friends and that the senator's opposition to his nomination is based upon a desire to vindicate his own honor. Mr. Farwell has been hard at work among his colleagues this week and is said to have received assurances of enough votes to defeat the nomination. This, however, is extremely doubtful.

The corridor in the census office and the superintendent's and chief clerk's rooms are a hellish those days. One could pick up a respectable quorum of the House of Representatives almost any day hanging about to see Superintendent Porter, about putting some constituent on the rolls. Hundreds of applications are sent for themselves, willing to take any position no matter how small but determined to get something. There are all sorts of people. Bright-eyed young girls, knowing young men, awkward country boys, blue-eyed old men and frowzy old women. Some look important, others desperate, others sullen. The clerk who worked on the last census is a common figure. The men of this class are mostly of the blue-eyed order. They are the mysterious lower class majordomos who hang about hotel lobbies, from census to census it would seem, and upon whom time leaves no impression save to make clothes already shabby a trifle shabbier. They all "know Porter" and speak in affectionate confidence of what he has assured them shall be done for them. They all claim to be experts and feel that the success of the next census depends largely upon whether or not they are employed.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs held a special session this week to hear the views of the naval board of policy appointed last summer by Secretary Tracy, to formulate and report a scheme for the improvement of the navy to the standard of that of a first class power. Commodore McCann, president of the board, Captain Simpson and Naval Constructor Gatewood did most of the talking. They approved in general terms the bill introduced by Senator Hale, which authorized the President to have constructed eight battle ships of from 7,000 to 10,000 tons each, two armed coast vessels, three gun-boats of from 800 to 1,200 tons each, and five first-class improved torpedo boats. The bill further appropriates \$5,000,000 for construction and \$2,000,000 for armament, which latter sum it is expected would provide a most elaborate and powerful gunnery. The policy board, in reporting to Secretary Tracy, will recommend the construction of 102 vessels of different type and size, to be built within fourteen years and to cost, all told, over two hundred and fifty millions.

COME FORWARD.

All persons indebted to Miller & Metchan for stable bill, will please come forward and settle by the first day of March, 1890, or costs will be added.

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ARE DR. DARRIN'S CURES PERMANENT?

Joseph Moore, Proprietor of the St. Charles Restaurant, Says They Are.

Editor Oregonian: For fifteen years prior to visiting Dr. Darrin I had been afflicted with polypos in the nose, with catarrhal discharges; also sorely afflicted with chronic rheumatism. About two years ago I consulted Dr. Darrin, and was cured by him in a short time by electricity and medicine. I have never had any return of my troubles, and consider myself permanently cured. Refer to me at the St. Charles Hotel restaurant, Portland. JOSEPH MOORE.

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Rev. J. E. Cuenod, Portland, Or., skin diseases cured.

Miss Maggie Synhoost, La Grande, Or., cross-eye, cured.

Isaac Thompson, La Center, W. T., sciatic rheumatism, restored.

J. T. George, Glendale, W. T., chronic rheumatism, five years cured.

Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, McMinnville, Or., deafness many years restored.

C. F. Mayhew, 183 D St., Portland, rheumatism in its worse form, cured.

Henry Van Helms, Sandy, Or., cancer of the nose and catarrh, cured.

Mrs. C. Sandstone, Cor. Water and Curry Sts., South Portland, deafness, cured.