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THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Mar. 6.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The lion or lamblike appearing month of March is on tap.

A fortune awaits the prophet who can guess the weather for the next sixty days.

Register J. B. Huntington of Burns passed through town Tuesday on his way to Baker.

Even the most pious men in the country could hardly keep from swearing at the weather this week.

Emil Scharff of the Hamilton country reports the estimated loss of stock in his section at twenty-five per cent.

Under head of "New to-day" will be found the ad of W. P. Duncan's tinshop and hardware store at John Day.

Little drops of printer's ink scattered round about, makes the advertiser happy, and he waxes rich and stout.

Frank Kellogg, attorney from Heppner, is in attendance at court; also we notice Lucian Evarts and Mr. Denning of Long Creek.

At a school meeting in this district Monday, John Sutherland was elected clerk, Myron Stansell director, and a three mill tax was levied.

Grant and Washington counties are the only ones credited with their state tax at Salem. Other counties ought to be ashamed of themselves.

Warm rains are taking the snow, and making grass grow, but don't say we told you so, for before you read this freezing winds may blow.

The present court docket is short, and unless the grand jury finds considerable new work the probabilities for a lengthy term are not at all flattering.

Primary time will soon arrive, then cometh the political jobs, and buttonholing of the "dear people," by the man who wants office. If he gets it, all right; if not, all wrong.

A. E. Starr who is in town from the Robinsonville country reports plenty of snow over there and miners all jubilant in expectation of a good season's run as soon as the water starts.

The grand jury for this term is composed of the following named persons: T. B. Laurance, N. W. Chamberlain, A. M. Hardman, Paul Grippe, M. T. Bush, Joseph Crank and Wm. Carter.

C. L. Means, an aged gentleman of some acquaintance in this county, was found dead in Baker county lately near the town of North Powder. Exposure to the cold was said to have been the cause of his death.

Mr. Bowick of the Monumental mine was in the city several days during the week. He forgot to call at the NEWS office and report, but we learn indirectly that the Monumental boys have struck an exceedingly rich v in of antimonial silver.

The Long Creek Eagle says it is indebted to the NEWS for the item regarding the appointment of Capt. J. W. Davis register at The Dalles. The Eagle meant well, but the NEWS announced that Capt. J. W. Lewis had received the said appointment.

In Justice Rulison's court last Monday Joe Sewall plead guilty and paid a fine of $12 for assaulting Andrew Gill. This is the same offense committed some time ago, and instead of being compromised as the plaintiff stated to the NEWS man, it was only potsponed.

At the time appointed for the examination of applicants for teachers' certificates no applicants presented themselves. The failure was in consequence of the disagreeable weather, [illegible] ber in different parts of the [illegible] their intention of [illegible]

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District attorney Rand is with us.

Feb. 24th, was born to wife of J. A. Lofton, a daughter.

J. H. Blake has just recovered from a two weeks' siege of la grippe.

Grasshoppers were hopping near Manheim, Penn., on Christmas day.

We agree with the most disconsolate, that this is the hardest kind of a hard winter.

We are pained to learn that Henry Sels is still dangerously ill, and it is feared he cannot recover.

Maine, since January 1, 1889, has paid bounties out 176 bears and more than 10,000 crows.

North Dakota legislators have given their per diem during recess to the starving settlers.

The Chinaman indicted for stealing pantaloons plead guilty yesterday just before the NEWS went to press.

Laughlin & Payne are proprietors of the New Hotel, Mr. Payne having purchased Mr. Walton's interest.

From every part of Grant county we expect to hear of much improvement, during the spring and summer.

Assessor Timms requests us to announce that he has not retired from politics, but will be up for re-nomination.

Grand wrestling contest at Masonic hall Saturday evening between the Champion of Australia and champion of Canyon City.

Rain for the past few days. Should the weather continue warm we hope to truthfully announce fine grass for stock about June 20th.

A ballot reform association has been organized at Portland. There are a few places that need ballot reformation more than Portland.

A. Hupprich, Canyon's faithful shoemaker who has been confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism, is still unable to walk up town.

Stockmen say the present rainy weather will be injurious to cattle which are not properly fed. It chills them, and in their weak condition are liable to perish.

Daniel Hillman, a wealthey young man of Bloomington, Ala., recently died of cigarette smoking; but he left $10,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association.

A movement is to be started in congress to have the rolls cleared of those who draw pensions from this government while owning allegiance to foreign powers.

The encouraging feature is that when winter does break it will break for sure. It is hoped so, as there is lots to be done in this part of the common wealth during the coming year.

Comparatively few men so far have come to town to "court." And what few there are here would rather be at their ranches at this time courting Dame Fortune and assisting poor cattle to rise in the world.

The comedy "Ancient Order of Hercles" produced by home talent was fully up to the standard of excellence hoped for by its projectors. The regalia and paraphernalia etc., did not arrive in time to be of service on the first evening, but was dispensed with very gracefully.

The weather of the past week has been very severe on what stock is left; and many poor animals have turned their toes toward a cold sky. From all sides comes the report of stock dying in large numbers. The range stock that lived through the first winter were in a poor condition still they might have lived had the weather remained mild.

Beginning with its issue of March 8, West Shore will have a Woman's Department conducted by Ella Higginson, the well-known poet and author. This department will make that excellent illustrated journal especially interesting to the women of the west, both young and old. Ella Higginson's reputation as a writer of verse and fiction is national, and West Shore is to be congratulated upon securing her services.

In Lake county a month ago [illegible] started with a few horses [illegible] of thirty miles, expecti[illegible] in one day, but at [illegible] miles he was [illegible] away

GRANITE GRAINS.

ED. NEWS:

Feb. 27, 1890.

Cold, and don't forget it.

But little news can be had in here as there is but little travel.

Mrs. Lizzie Gilbert of Spokane is visiting her mother, Mrs Gallagher.

Give us a change of atmosphere and perhaps news items may spring up.

Mrs. Williamson of Cracker City is visiting the family of J. H. Hilliard.

Themometer registered 30 below, on yesterday morning and 38 this morning.

Miss Cora Fletcher of Missouri is now assisting Mrs. Thornberg in the hotel on the hill.

Report has it theat Messrs Bowman & Smith will be ready to start their mill in the spring.

John Cabbell thinks he has a fair prospect to sell the La Bellvue mine to some San Francisco parties.

Mr. Sam Guttridge of the firm of Benson & Guttridge will soon move to Robinsonville, with a stock of goods. Success to him.

Everybody snowshoes, big little, old and young. The shoes around the school house looks like the Examiners picture of a Siberian prison.

Some of the snow shoes experts are practicing in order to be abe to carry a quart of milk in one hand and a maiden in the other, from the upper to the lower town.

Jas. Gallagher is over from the North Fork and reports good progress on his tunnel which will be about 150 feet long, this is cut for a race in his placer diggins, and will be about 60 feet deep.

As man milliners are all the go, I suggest that we have a "man washerwoman," and think if Steve will hang out a sign he could have plenty to do these dull days. He practices some and with an opportunity would wash well.

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MT. VERNON MIDGETS.

I have been over the range in our immediate precinct and find that Wm. Wymer, G. H. Kimberling and E. Allen are losing ten per cent of their sheep for want of grass.

E. E. Armstrong is now in the employ of Wm. Wymer skinning sheep and looking out for his fish trap.

Mrs. E. E. Birge will open a hotel for the accommodation of the public at Mt. Vernon the first of April.

There will be a social dance at Mt. Vernon Friday evening. Tickets $1,75 including supper.

Mr. F. Allen has moved into his new house and is now ready to receive company.

Mr. Curl has moved from Mt. Vernon to John Day.

Birge is financially busted but will pay next year. J.

M. G. Pierson, Tom Reynolds and Chas. Luce are installed as bailiffs at the court house.

Bellevue, Idaho, raised $600 in cash to help the Camas Prairie people feed their stock.

O. W. Birge reports Mt. Vernon precinct in as good a condition morally, financially and socially as could be desired.

At noon yesterday the jury in the case of State vs Sterrett was still out, but about two o'clock they agreed to disagree.

It has been suggested that as the Mormons have been beaten on every side, they will have to retturn to "destroying angels."

Never before since 1854 has the legislature of Iowa had a democratic speaker, until Hitchcock, the democratic candidate was elected to that office.

The maliciously inclined papers are now circulating the report that [illegible] the Willamette [illegible] g away ex- [illegible] e farms.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Summary of the business transacted copied from the docket from day to day:

MON. MARCH 3—EQUITY DOCKET.

Rinehart & Starr vs Daniel Butler—injunction. Judgment on stipulation.

MARCH 4.

Mary N. C. Wood vs Geo. H. Wood—divorce. Default granted, personal service made.

LAW DOCKET.

Portland Savings Bank vs Wm. Welch—promissory note. Default and judgment. Judgment $1,768,-00; attorney's fees $170,80; total $1,878,80.

Richard Patrum vs Chas. Williams & Wm. Welch—promissory note. Default and judgment for $243,25 and $24,32 attorneys fees.

J. Durkheimer & Co. vs J. W. Bates—promissory note. Settled and dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

J. Durkheimer & Co. vs E. C. Officer—promissory note. Settled and dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

J. Durkheimer & Co. vs Tillary & Joseph Pruitt—promissory note. Settled and dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

TUES. MARCH 4—CRIMINAL DOCKET.

State vs D. Sterritt—moving diseased sheep without a permit. Plea of not guilty; jury trial.

State vs Alex Bowsman—larceny. Grand jury returned not a true bill and defendant discharged and bail exonerated.

Jesse D. Carr, the cattle king of Southern Oregon, is reported to have lost $80,000 worth of stock during the winter.

Crook county can boast of many good things and some bad. One of the bad things it can now boast of is two winters in one year.—Review.

The Inter Ocean wants some enterprising ice company to harness the ice-bergs on the Atlantic seaboard and use them to relieve the ice famine.

A man who had been told that he was about to die asked the doctor for his bill, saying he did not wish to depart from his lifelong rule, "Pay as you go."

The snow storms have been so heavy in Austria this winter that in the rural section bears have been driven by hunger to the villages, where they were killed and eaten.

We see by an exchange that a man named W. H. Lee was stabbed by a man named Shaser at a small town in Wash. the other day. Lee is said to have formerly resided in this valley.

The Hassayampa dam in Arizona gave way lately and caused the loss of fifty lives. This dam which was built in 1888 for irrigat'ng purposes held back a lake covering 750 acres and containing 4,000,000,-000 gallons of water.

Wong Ah Hing, hanged in San Francisco last week for the murder of his uncle, took his execution as a huge joke and from early morn until taken to the scoffold laughed, smoked, chatted and played poker. He said he was not afraid to die.

A bill now before Congress to ascertain the mortgage indebtedness of the country, brings to view how deeply many farmers are sund into debt. At a convention of farmers recently held in the Central Western States, it was resolved that "agriculture is a decaying industry."

A correspondent in the Mountaineer enquires "why Capt. Lewis was appointed register at The Dalles when he was not even a resident of the district." Mr. Mewis resides in The Dalles land district, Grant county, and is as well qualified and competent a man as The Dalles could bring forward.

Granger's Little Game.

John Day, March 5.

ED. NEWS: In your last issue I not[illegible] article [illegible]

Salem people are endeavoring to have the bridge across the Willamette rebuilt.

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

If you would avoid the suspicion of your neighbors, never carry your molasses in a demijohn.

Wallis Fletcher, a Louisville, Kentucky, boy smoked fifty cigarettes a day. He is now dead.

Some people, suggestively remarks a sharp critic, are so busy meddling with other people's business that it would not be surprising the general resurrection to find some of these everlasting snoops getting out of somebody else's grave.

The New York Sun reports that the nickname of North Dakota is the "flicker-tail state." This completes the list of the four new commonwealths. South Dakota is the "swinge cat state," Washington the "chinook state" and Montana is the "stubbed-toe state."

Here is the way that Ingersoll explains the situation: "Here is a shoe shop. One of the men is always busy during the day. In the evening he goes courting some nice girl. There are five other men that don't do any such thing. They spend half their working evenings in dissipation. The first young man bye and bye cuts out those and gets a boot and shoe store of his own. Then he marries and is able to take his wife out riding. The five former companions, who see him indulging in this luxury, retire to a saloon and resolve that there is an eternal struggle between labor and capital.

Attend the Debate.

EDITOR NEWS: The question for discussion at our next meeting of the Luce School House Debating Club is, "Resolved that Intemperance has caused more heartfelt misery, than War." This will probably be the last meeting of the club this season and those who wish to enjoy a treat would do well to be present. There are some good debators belonging to the club and full houses have been the rule all winter. An invitation is extended to all.

THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28, '90.

ED. GRANT CO. NEWS:—

The investigation of the workings of the Civil Service Commission thus far only affects the conduct of Mr. Lyman, while he was the only commissioner in office and while he was in office with Mr. Oberly. The story was told by him to the committee on Wednesday, and viewed in any light, his halting, reluctant admission place him in contempt with the true friends of civil service who so long trusted him. He admits in his testimony that one Campbell, a clerk, and his brother-in-law furnished lists of questions to persons outside the commission, for which money was paid, and that he was merely "reprimanded for this breach of discipline." He admits that after the limit as to age had been raised from eighteen to twenty years, and he was sole commissioner, he had his daughter under nineteen years of age examined on the ground that she had applied for a position before the law went into effect, although the law refers entirely to qualification necessary to examination and appontment. He acknowledged that instances have occurred in which candidates sent substitutes to their examination, who passed it for them. The carelessness of a system that never even compares hand writing in the application with that in the examination papers can be imagined.

Thus far the other commissioners are not smirched by the investigation, and the result will probably promote the cause of civil service reform by renewed vigilance in guarding the avenues to appointment. The resignation of Lyman should be immediately requested. He offers no defense and can offer none. He retained Campbell in office after his confession of dishonesty, where another commissioner would probably have exhausted every possible means of bringing him to justice, let alone discharging him. A great cry was raised by Lyman and his friends against the Washington Post's attacks on his administration, and now he simply goes on the witness stand and confesses the truth of the charges.

Despite the fact that many Senate committees considered hitherto as of vastly more importance than that on woman suffrage, are without rooms to meet in, the zealous efforts of Miss Anthony and Mrs Stanton have resulted in the assignment of an apartment for the exclusive use of their pet committee. It is in the basement and not a very imposing room, but the only sign on the door is "Woman Suffrace," and that means that it is not to be shared by three or four committees, as most of the rooms are. In the walls are to be placed crayons and oil portraits of the leaders of the movement, and there is a library of work on female suffrage to be supplied. Miss Anthony is especially proud of the victory, as she calls it, and the three score and ten years she celebrated the other day are half of them lost in her enthusiasm.

With a breezy disregard of the authorities quite surprising, Herminie Thebault, Silcott's companion in his flight from Washington after having broken congressional hearts, came to town this week, and vanished during the same day. It is correctly rumored that a detective followed her into oblivion in the hopes of finding the whereabouts of Silcott. Rumor equally authoritative locates Silcott in Victoria, where he was last seen purchasing a ticket for China. Ex-Gergeant-at-arms Leedom on discovering the presence of the Theibault woman in the city, attempted to have her arrested, but could find no charge to put against her. Leedom still says that he is hopeful of catching Silcott. He devotes most of his time to bewailing his misplaced confidence in the wily clerk. So far as [illegible] having the con[illegible]

a large amount of the money into the hands of local bookmake of which Leedom, from his notorious frequency of that class of places, should have been well aware at the time. The effect of the Silcott affair upon the pool rooms has been most disastrous. A bill is now pending before Congress suppressing them in the District of Columbia, and their business for some reason has strangely decreased. This class of gambling is so expensive to the owner of the game that his percentage of anvantage must be enormous to enable him to keep open. His customers are day after day the same friends, and in the end the expense eat up all concerned. The Western Union Telegraph Company absorb all alike, and thus gambling, like virtue, is "its own reward."

The unlucky congressmen whose salaries disappeared with Silcott are not void of hope. They look with interest to the test cases brought before the court of claims to compel the government to reimburse for all losses, and which will be heard March 4. Upon the result of these suits rests their only hope of obtaining their money, for the introduction of a bill to reimburse, after a failure in court, would be suicidal to the projectors.