

Thursday, Oct. 2.

LOCAL BREVIITIES.

Apples 4 1/2 cts. per bush at Rinehart's. See his notice.

Grant county's board of equalization is advertised to meet on the 20th.

Governor C. C. Stevenson of Nevada died last week after a lingering illness.

Loaded freight wagons have cut up the roads worse than ever this year, so teamsters tell us.

The rains descended and the floods came—but the country can stand a whole lot more just like it.

John Day town should be called "Lower Dayton," then the two towns might love each other more.

Harney teams have been rolling in to this valley pretty lively of late, after fruit and other necessaries.

Business with the editor is picking up—not so much in a financial point of view as typographically speaking.

Harney county is the best customer this valley has for her fruit. Load after load goes over there, and none is headed back.

Friday evening a window curtain at Dr. Hoadley's residence was blown into a candle flame, nearly causing a conflagration.

Clark & Trowbridge are having considerable work done on their placer ground over by Silver valley, running cuts, and so forth.

A few of the citizens of Grant county have taken advantage of cheap excursion rates and are attending the Exposition at Portland.

The boys of the Humboldt Co. are building a reservoir and making other preparations for a fall run in their mine if sufficient rain falls.

A society called the "Noverswats" has had a rising membership at lower town all summer, and last week the chief organizer was up here recruiting the ranks.

In last week's News we omitted to mention the arrival home of P. V. Middleworth, who has been absent for the past four years, disposing of stock which he drove east.

If any of our subscribers have files of the News of September, October and the fore part of November, 1890, they will receive a liberal reward by bringing the same to this office.

It has been ascertained that leathen Chinese were the bank robbers at The Dulles. Three of them have been arrested for the offense and \$2,400 of the stolen money recovered.

Our new proof reader last week left a figure 3 in giving the gain of this county in population over the first guess, where there should have been a 2. Did you notice the error!

Grant county's pioneers should organize and hold meetings for their mutual social enjoyment. Her pioneers are passing away, and those remaining should tighten the bond of friendship.

This town had a foot race last Friday between Fred Mosher champion of lower town, and Joe Sewell champion of upper town, distance sixty yards, \$25 a side. Won by Mosher—six inches ahead.

Somebody has sent us a petition to the legislature to be signed by all who are in favor of taxing church property. We will forward the same with the names of those who call at this office and sign the petition.

Shevitt Cowling of Harney county arrived here from Coos county Friday evening, with Wm. Page, who will be tried at the coming term of Harney county's circuit court, for the murder of Wm. Brown at Burns two years ago.

Our Harney county editor is teaching school in connection with his print shop, while another one is advertising for a job at sawing wood. Editors feel the effects of dull times, and realize the benefits of advertising. That editor no doubt already has more jobs on hand than he can do all winter.

Mr. J. A. Whitman who has for years been Grant county's most industrious prospector for hidden gold brought some white quartz to town last week with chunks of the precious metal sticking to it. He has run a tunnel into the mountain a long ways, and feels confident of tapping the ledge during the coming winter.

Mr. P. M. Pearson brought to the News office last Monday a box of fine, large potatoes, raised on his ranch in Bear valley. For size they cannot be beaten in any county, and are not hollow like some large potatoes. Mr. Pearson raised 10,000 pounds like them this year. Who spoke about Bear valley being so frosty!

From inquiries made we learn that Grant county's census was taken now too well, after all. We learn that Assessor Thomas in his official travels over the county found a number of families who had not been enumerated at all, and he thinks that at least two hundred persons in this county were overlooked by the enumerators.

A young lady of Dayville who came to Oregon from Pennsylvania a short time ago has set an example which many a Grant county girl would do well to follow. This young lady filed on 160 acres of good government land, and last Friday she made final proof on the same. We would like to see all of the public domain occupied by such rustlers.

Some rain. Very much cooler.

Read Durkheimer's new ad to-day. Sprinkle of snow on Strawberry summit.

Judge Dustin occupies the Bro Eads residence.

Born, Sept. 26, to wife of Wm. Pope—a daughter.

Some of Grant county's produce should have been sent away to the fairs and expositions.

Five dollar gold pieces and bills are remarkably scarce in this precinct of late. Very likely they have been put away for the winter, like the ground squirrels.

Lawyer Parrish and wife started to Baker last Monday. From there Mrs. Parrish intended to take the train for East Portland to visit her father who is very ill.

New Goods.—Just arrived a full stock of both staple and fancy goods. Give me a call, and you will be surprised at my prices.

D. G. OVERHOLT.

There is more Oregon Pacific talk, but talk seems to be the capital stock of that road. The Sumpter valley railroad will tap Southwestern Oregon now before the O. P. does.

Louis Nieman who lives on Indian creek has harvested his crop of potatoes consisting of 84 sacks. Mr. Nieman has a fine quality of potatoes, and teamsters desiring to buy should give his ranch a call.

This city has three church buildings and only one of them occupied. We don't get missionaries here. If we did perhaps some of the money collected for "foreign missions" would be directed our way.

The Heppner stage line has a new stage station across the river from Monument, where stages will stop over night. If Mr. Caris retains the postoffice, his ferry boat will do a good business next spring when the river is high, ferrying the stage six times a day.

George Sollinger who returned from Baker City with a load of freight the other day dragged a valuable mare to death. The animal was leaning behind the wagon, and in some manner threw herself and was dragged about half a mile before it was discovered that there was anything wrong.

A habeas corpus case was on docket last Monday. Chas. Williams was sent over from Long Creek precinct committed to jail in default of a \$500 bond for assault and battery. There appeared to be a flaw in the commitment and a writ of habeas corpus was filed. This was not sustained, and the prisoner was returned to the custody of the sheriff.

U. S. troops will soon leave to pursue and hunt the howling bands of ignorant Italian laborers in this county the same as they do the Apaches in Arizona. Italians in Kentucky had a fight with a sheriff's posse, and they are continually giving trouble. Such undesirable immigration should be excluded. Give us in preference, the meek and humble Chinaman.

John Sayers who recently erected a large sawmill near Burns had the misfortune to lose everything by fire last Tuesday morning, including all the lumber in the yard. Broady Johnson the night watchman at Burns, saw the flames about three o'clock in the morning, but on the arrival of men on the premises nothing could be done to save property. We did not learn the supposed origin of the fire.

Joe Pigeon who was indicted by the last grand jury for robbing Fred Miller is stopping at present in the jail where he will most likely remain for some time. Deputy Sheriff John Eisk found him over on the Malheur, and had some difficulty in taking the bird, who resisted. The law was on the side of the officer, however, and justice triumphed after a short battle. John is anxious to make one more arrest, which he says will be his last one.

Indiana should be compelled to stay out of this country for their wholesale raids every season rapidly exterminating the wild game in these mountains. When a white man hunts he does so for the purpose of providing food and sustenance for himself and family. With a swish it is different—he hunts because the agent at the reservation pockets the government money accruing during Lo's absence, from the saving of rations, etc.

That buffaloes used to roam over the hills of Grant county there can be no doubt, although it has been asserted that they were never west of Snake river. The finding of the remains of three monarchs of the plains is ample proof that they inhabited this locality from a period long ago up to a comparatively recent date. We have an exhibition at this office a portion of the skull of one of these animals, evidently an old patriarch of the herd. This relic of a now almost extinct family of the animal kingdom was found by Mr. E. M. Pearson in Bear valley, together with most of the other large bones, partly hidden beneath the soil, and in a pretty fair state of preservation. Bill Gray found the remains of a buffalo at Olive creek years ago; Cal Grigsby dug one up in Bear valley, and Horace Sloan found part of one's head in his gold mine, imbedded in the washed gravel a good many feet from the surface, on the hill west of town. Yes, we have had buffalo.

SOUTHWARD GO THE WILD GESE TO A WARMER CLIME.

Overholt's store is becoming jammed full of new goods.

The finest cigars in the market are expected daily at Parrish's postoffice store.

Arthur Mosier is conducting the lower town meat market, Billybum having retired.

Major Griffin the tailor was in town this week measuring the gentlemen's legs for pants.

From present indications it is feared that Oregon will not get a recount of her population.

Frank Hampton charged with disturbing the peace was given a hearing Monday and dismissed.

Sells Bros have greatly improved their store both inside and out, and they expect their new goods before long.

Ed Abbott has taken a ranch on the North Fork, and himself and wife are living there improving the place.

W. H. Clark intends burning coal again this winter in the stage office—coal which he takes from his property while doing the annual assessment work.

Our people were given an opportunity to taste bear meat this week. Mr. Chambers of Bear valley drew one of the destructive sheep eaters and sold his steak.

Stock is being shipped from Southern Oregon to Puget Sound markets. These fellows must eat beef, and so long as they have money to pay for it Oregon can furnish them the genuine article.

We don't know all who are attending the Portland exposition from this locality. M. V. Thompson and John Schmidt have gone down from here, and a number from lower town were contemplating a trip.

The governor of Indiana cannot collect his salary from the state treasurer, who cannot pay for want of funds. The governor proposes to take legal measures to get his pay. They must experience hard times in Indiana.

Indians on the Sioux reservation in South Dakota are exporting the coming of Christ. He is, they suppose, to cover the earth with a stratum of soil thirty feet deep, covering everlastingly good Indians, who will get through to the surface and find veritable happiness in a hunting ground on earth.

The great financial system of the country, upon which all of us are more or less dependent, should never be made a football to be kicked back and forth between political parties. The pasture is entirely too dangerous to the people of the country for parties to regulate the price of silver or greenbacks.

The legislative committee elected at the recent meeting of the Oregon Press Association, has prepared two good bills to submit to the next legislature. One is to secure the general publication of all new laws in the newspapers, and the other to provide for a more detailed publication of county expenditures.

The supreme court of Wash. has decided that a statute making the smoking or inhaling of opium a misdemeanor was constitutional. Don't see how a fellow could well avoid inhaling more or less of the smoke, if he goes to a China joint after his wadding. Pretty bad when a man inhales opium smoke and commits a misdemeanor thereby when he didn't mean to.

Omni Wiggard, a banister of Enid, fatally shot Allie Horan and then blew off the place where his brains would have been if he had any. Wiggard left a note saying the girl promised to marry him but proved unfaithful. The sooner such unfortunate fools kill themselves off the better for the world, but they generally kill the woman who had the good sense to refuse to marry them.

There are a number of congressmen who would do well to put in the time during the recess in taking lessons in the art of gentlemanly deportment, or else they should practice with the boxing gloves so as to be better able to knock each other out when they get into a row. Such scenes and attempts at fighting as were witnessed during the past session are a disgrace to the "manly art."

John I. Butler, a democratic leader of Harrisburg, Penn., gives to the world an excellent substitute for the term "muggump," as applied to democrats. Mr. Butler bolts the candidate of his party for governor "because he is not a democrat; he is a 'jibboose.'" This variety of the human species, Mr. Butler explains, is a professional democrat who is better and purer than his party. In his own estimation, and is loaded with a set of prize package principles which can never be put into practice.

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