

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Jan. 15.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Read the new advertisements. Stockmen in this valley are busy gathering stock and feeding. We are pleased to note any work of improvement in town or county. Funerals and Warm Spring Indians are about to go to ghost dancing. The state tax levy has been fixed at four and twelve thirty-sixths mills. Capital in the mines of Grant and Greenwood will hurry up development of these camps.

Send in your county affairs; the News is pleased to receive items from your neighborhood.

The remainder of the Commissioners' court proceedings will be published next week after court adjourns.

Miss Sarah Eliza Mack of Prairie City and Mr. Henry Chambers formerly a resident of that place, were married at Burns last week.

The county posse—Bradley, Lawrence and Linsman—were conveyed from Prairie City to their new home wayback last Saturday.

A letter in the New York World written from Nehalem, Oregon, strongly advocates Governor Penoyer as the democratic nominee for president in 1892.

Ohio erected 21 new churches and received 1334 new church members last year. Therefore the Boise Statesman says the devil may as well take a back seat.

Unless plenty of soldiers watch the reservations all the Indian tribes may turn loose for a general cleanup of the whites and get themselves cleaned up when spring comes.

If Grant county is to have a county seat contest at the present time that fact is to be deplored for several reasons, chief of which is that all is to lose and nothing to be gained by the taxpayers.

We will shortly begin the publication of a "brand column." All subscribers to the News in Grant county who send us a description of their stock brand may have the same published in the column free of charge.

The reappointment of Walker Hinton to the office of stock inspector is satisfactory as near as we can learn. In conversation with men from different parts of the county we gather the information that he has made a good officer.

We are in receipt of a communication from Savannah, Ga., asking us to publish a half column of the definition of Bible words, some of which we would not permit in our columns. No, we decline the request with thanks, Mr. Long.

A bill has been prepared to present to the legislature, changing the time of holding court in this district. If it becomes a law circuit court for Grant county will be held on the first Monday in May and second Monday in October. For Harney county it will be two weeks later.

In case of an Indian war next summer Grant county should have a well drilled company of State militia. Most every other county has one or more. Some of our valiant braves who thirst for slough gore sought to organize a company. Apply to Gov. Penoyer for arms and uniforms.

There is an abundance of low grade silver ore—and some exceedingly rich—in Grant county to the north of us, as well as rich gold ledges. In a very few years that county will have rail communication and receive an influx of capital. They will spring into existence some of the richest mining cities in the world.

Experience in Grant county has proven that sheep cease to thrive when fed a few weeks on timothy or wild hay. Alfalfa alone seems to possess every nutritious property necessary to their general health. Some of the sheepmen down the valley are well supplied with alfalfa hay, having cut as many as three crops from the same ground the past season.

We learn that P. Mann of Baker City, representing eastern capitalists has located the Phoenix mine near Robinsonville, owned by Berry Bros. & Barnett, for the sum of \$15,000. He agrees to put work to the value of \$500 upon the property whether it is taken or not. One from this mine so far as developed is very rich, and our informant was of the opinion that a sale was certain.

El Allen speaking of "the ring," says: "They are the same ring that publishes papers purporting to be some honest Monument taxpayer or Dayville voter." El shows symptoms of hydrophobia. If it was any other disease a good soaking of his head might afford relief. He seems to imagine that he represents the entire voting populace of Grant county.

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

In the matter of the care of the county poor for the current year the following bids were received: E. O. Stansell \$4.00 per week. Stephen Tucker \$4.75 per week. J. W. Bates \$5.00 per week. J. C. Gillenwater \$4.95 per week. Mr. Stansell being the lowest bidder the contract was awarded to him, he being required to enter into an official undertaking in the sum of \$1200. Fred Perkins was granted a license to sell liquors in John Day precinct for the period of six months. W. W. Hinton was reappointed stock inspector and required to execute an official undertaking in the sum of \$2000.

W. O. Gentry, C. T. Williams and George Bowman were appointed viewers and J. W. Mack surveyor of the proposed change of county road from Fox valley to Hamilton.

MONUMENT ITEMS.

J. M. Hay a short time ago fell a large pine tree across a new shed that he had just completed. The shed collapsed together like a Long Creek biscuit.

J. H. McHaley had a fine half bred Percheron stallion to die last week with the flatulent colic. This disease is generally caused by the animal eating a large quantity of coarse feed, then drinking a large quantity of water which washes the food out of the stomach into the intestinal canal which is clogged. Gas forms in the stomach. The stomach bursts and the death of the animal is the result, as was the case with Mr. McHaley's horse.

Regarding the county seat question Mr. "A Voter" says: "First, it would impose more tax on the people." Some time ago I consulted one of our oldest settlers and heaviest tax payers in regard to this matter, and he said that he had learned from experience that the deeper in debt a county is the better it is for the tax payers. He says that when the county was deep in debt he could buy scrip at fifty and sixty cents on the dollar to pay his taxes with and taxes were no higher then than they are now. So what we are after over here is to just keep building court houses till we can buy scrip at forty cents on the dollar to pay our taxes with.

I tried a little experiment a short time ago that I cannot recommend very highly to the readers of the News. Leading one colt at a time to water became rather monotonous, so I thought I would try two. Their ropes were rather short, and for fear they might get away from me I tied them together. I had no more than done this till they took a scare. One ran around me one way and the other went around the other way, and when they met one jumped over the other's rope and went on around again. Just what they did when they met the second time I am not able to say. But the next thing I knew I was completely wound up in the rope underneath the two colts tumbling head over heels and being kicked occasionally. The first thought that flashed across my mind was to cut a rope, but a man being tumbled into forty-seven different attitudes per second has not got much time for cutting ropes. Fortunately the colt that was doing most of the kicking got tangled in the rope and became almost as helpless as I was. I cut with my old frog sticker and not caring much for expenses at the time, cut a brand new rope.

The skating pond is the liveliest spot in the city.

Mercury hovering close to 0 many of those mornings.

We devote space today to the publication of a scrap of ancient history. "Go slow, there's a hen on," is a needless caution—eggs are four bits a dozen.

The Legislature did not meet until last Monday, the 12th. We have not had time to get any report yet.

We will soon commence the publication of a love story. All love-lorn lads and lassies should subscribe.

Utah is getting too hot for the Mormons and they are trying to secure land in Tennessee upon which to locate.

Oliver and Granite precincts did not respond liberally to the petition for an enabling act, as many supposed they would.

A Pendleton paper says Tom Roblins brought two deer to town which he shot with a companion on Birch creek. Tom's companion must have been a gun.

Bannock Indians on the Ft. Hall reservation, who were leaders in the Indian war in this country eleven and twelve years ago, are threatening another outbreak.

An artesian well being bored at Boise City struck boiling water. The folks down there ought to be careful how they bore down; they might be poking around close to that burning lake.

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PRAIRIE CITY NEWS.

PRAIRIE CITY, Dec. 12. Thomas McEwan paid our town a flying visit.

The "Arcade" has broken up and the boys lie away to other parts.

Any one wishing a \$2.50 shirt for 75 cents can have a chance to get one at Prairie.

The boys are trying to organize a dancing club to furnish amusement for the winter.

Jack Hoffman said the thermometer stood 16 below zero Saturday morning. Pretty cold for this little place.

Henry Bohna is very sick with typhoid fever. Tommy Cooley is also very low. He had the measles and took a relapse.

Prairie City is going to be incorporated. I think I shall run for office. Mayor I think will be a good billet for me.

The remains of Oliver Miller were followed by a large concourse of friends to the cemetery. He was buried by the Masonic fraternity.

There are a great many stray cattle between here and the Warm Springs. Parties having stock out should be getting them in, as they will bring fifteen dollars next summer.

Oscar Meador returned home from Portland Saturday evening, where he had been attending school. The climate did not agree with him and the physician advised him to return.

When we get the county seat up here, Mr. Editor, you will have to move up here. This would be a nice place to run a gas foundry, for everybody would help you to keep it going.

Bill Cohoe has left our little town. He has gone to Monument to fence his ranch this winter. We hope he will return in the spring. That is right, Bill, improve our little county as much as possible.

Thieves are invading our town. Joe Bates had a lot of canned stuff stolen from the Geo. Shearer cellar. They packed the goods across the tailings and hid them in the old planer building. David Taylor found all the goods except a few cans. Some one also tried to break into the cellar of Laurence & Howell but gave it up for a bad job. Some parties have been taking hats and caps, pen knives, spurs and cosmetic from different ones of the boys.

JOB LOTS.

Deputy Sheriff Southworth is erecting an addition to his residence.

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

Died, at his home in this city, Sunday, Jan. 11, Oliver C. Miller, after a long illness of typhoid fever.

There will be services at John Day M. E. church Sunday evening, Jan. 18, at 7 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor.

Special meetings will be held at the M. E. church each evening this week, conducted by the pastor assisted by the choir and others.

The Pacific Brewery's Celebrated Beer, the best in Eastern Oregon, is now kept constantly on tap at the Red Front Billiard Hall.

A petition has been circulated and unanimously signed, asking for an increase of service on the Canyon City Burns route to six times a week.

Constable Dustin of Long Creek during the week brought over a fellow named Thompson, who is under \$500 bonds for assaulting Paul Gruppe.

In our humble opinion the Baker City Democrat utters a great truth when it says that there will be a rush of miners to the Greenhorn camp in the spring.

FOUNDS—On the road near this city, 734 40-90 cartridges. Same were left at this office with the request that the owner prove property and pay for advertising.

Charley Dustin who was over from Long Creek this week informed us that the petitions for an enabling act sent down to Salem, contained about eight hundred names.

The remonstrances against the passage of an enabling act contain about six hundred names, we have been informed. Some who had signed the petition reconsidered the matter and attached their names to the remonstrance.

I will preach (D. V.) at the Wm. Luce school house Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1891, at candle lighting; Mt. Vernon Sunday Jan. 18th at 11 a. m., and continue daily for two weeks or more. W. L. McCONIGHT, Baptist Minister.

NOTICE.

All those knowing themselves indebted to the Estate of H. R. Sels by note or account will please settle the same at once, or costs will be added. MRS. LUCIA SELS, Executrix.

SENTIMENT OF TAXPAYER.

BEAR VALLEY, JAN. 12. EDITOR NEWS:—Having seen your Dayville correspondent's in vitation for some one from this part of the county to give their views on the removal of the county seat I will give mine.

There are numerous petitions being circulated over the county. For what? To get an act passed by the Legislature to bankrupt the few taxpayers that were not broken up last winter, for an enabling act would surely do it.

There are, we can safely say, hundreds of persons in the county who would vote on the removal of the county seat from its present location who in all probability do not pay a cent in taxes nor have had a tax receipt in the last ten years. Nor do they own a foot of land in the State. Will the legal tax payers sit with folded hands in a semi-mesmeric condition and see all of their hard earned property go thus?

See the GRANT CO. NEWS of Dec. 18th. Look at the cost of county buildings; also county indebtedness.

The location of Canyon City may not be as desirable as some other localities, but is about as accessible to all parts of the county—east, west, north, south—with fair roads centering there.

There are some hungry chronic office seekers in the Long Creek Republic who want office and cry "Oh! The Canyon City Ring!" when their R-i-n-g is as large as the one around the moon a short time ago.

With Senator and Representative to pull for them they think they can get anything passed that they ask.

Let them go into Morrow or any other county they like, but let us keep the county seat where it is until the county is out of debt, let that be long or short.

With good and honest men in office, who use prudence and economy, we can soon get out of debt.

Those chronic ones who want the county seat removed put me in mind of a fable I once read. A fox being chased ran into some brambles and stuck fast. The flies swarmed around him sucking his blood out fast. Along came a swallow who offered to drive them away. "No," says the fox, "you drive those away and more hungry ones will come and suck the last drop of blood in my veins out."

We don't want to mortgage the last cow and let the sheriff sell her and drive us over the hill to the poor house.

PIONEER TAXPAYER.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Last Thursday evening, Jan. 8th, E. J. Bayley D. D. G. M. installed into the chairs of Hobah Lodge No. 22, I. O. O. F., the following named officers:

- D. I. Ashbury N. G.
G. D. Rickard V. G.
G. I. Hazelton Sec.
D. G. Overholt Treas.
J. A. Whitman Warden.
I. J. Hagnewood Conductor.
N. H. Boley I. G.
M. E. Stansell R. S. N. G.
W. H. Lincoln L. S. N. G.
Ira Sprout R. S. V. G.
O. Guernsey L. S. V. G.
N. Rulison R. S. S.
J. W. Bates L. S. S.

Call and Settle At Once.

This is to give notice that I have placed all my accounts in the hands of S. S. Denning for collection. So come settle the same at once and save costs. HUGH SMITH, Canyon City, Or., Jan. 10, 1891.

Flour, Graham, Barley, (either ground or whole) Chicken, Feed, Rye, Middlings, Bran, Shorts, &c., &c., at Gundlach's.

Be Sure

If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar medicine, possessing, by virtue of its peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation, curative power superior to any other article. A Boston lady who knew what she wanted, and whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below:

To Get

"In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me to buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their's would last longer; that I might take it on ten days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I knew what Hood's Sarsaparilla was. I had taken it, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other."

Hood's

When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable, suffering a great deal with dizziness, and so weak that at times I could hardly stand. I looked, and had for some time, like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." MRS. ELIA A. GOFF, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

Sarsaparilla

Sold by all druggists. 50¢ per bottle. Prepared only by J. C. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass. 100 Doses One Dollar

A SCRAP OF HISTORY.

EDITOR GRANT COUNTY NEWS:—I see in the issue of the Long Creek Eagle of January 9th 1891 an article entitled "A false document" and signed "Ed C. Allen," which by reason of its slanderous denunciations of the people of Grant county, and particularly of Canyon City, does in my opinion justify the author of the article alluded to in heading his communication with the name "A false document."

The article alluded to is not worthy of reply in my opinion for the purpose of in any way influencing any citizen, voter or tax payer in Grant county, for the reason the article shows for itself just what it is named, "A false document," but a reply may be interesting or amusing to some of the readers of the News as a matter of history.

The author of the article speaks of "the Court house ring," and the head and source of corruption, the ring that ignored the rights of the people and trampled their petition to death six years ago when they wished to be consulted about building a Court house.

Now the facts about the building of the Court house and the petitions are about as follows:

About six or seven years ago while A. J. Van Horn of Middle Creek precinct, and John Laurance of Prairie City were county commissioners and as such had control of the business, money and property of the county, they proposed to build a Court house as the one then used was rotting down and the jail was entirely unfit for use.

Upon this great agitator of public opinion of John Day town and vicinity and Long Creek being informed of what was about to come to pass without their permission they became highly indignant and immediately commenced work canvassing the county with a remonstrance and persuading the people that a great outrage was about to be perpetrated and that high taxes would be levied upon them and great money would be taken from their pockets.

The Boss Agitator who is always ready to sacrifice all of his relatives and friends for the sake of the public, and who in all probability has never paid any kind of tax in Grant county, under the employment of the ring of growlers canvassed the county from one end to the other and managed by much persuasion to obtain about 100 voters to the remonstrance against building a new Court house until the people could obtain an act by the next legislature, enabling them to vote upon the question of relocating the county seat.

All of the remonstrances then circulated on the subject having been returned to the headquarters contained in the aggregate 300 names and were presented to the commissioners and were considered, and although not one-fifth of the voters of the county signed the same the county did not proceed to build the Court house as they had proposed.

A general election was held the June following the presentation of the said remonstrance and Wm. Tureman of Prairie City and Geo. McGowan of the town of Burns were elected county commissioners of Grant county. Grant county was represented at the next session of the legislature by Henry Hall and George W. McHaley both of Union precinct. No petition was presented to the legislature by the voters of the county asking that an act be passed allowing the people to vote on the question of relocating the county seat and consequently no enabling act was passed. Then after the legislature adjourned the commissioners with the consent of Phil Metchan built the Court house, which act of the commissioners, aided by Phil Metchan the then county judge of this county, was highly approved by the voters and taxpayers of this county, as was clearly shown by the fact that Phil Metchan at the last election in this county when he was elected to the high office of State Treasurer received more votes than any candidate then before the people.

The idea that the cause of the indebtedness of the county, and the corruption in office, as expressed by the author of the false document of the Long Creek Eagle, to every sensible man and man of sober unprejudiced minds is simply absurd. The men who have filled the majority of county offices for the last 17 years have come from outside of Canyon City.

The commissioners as I have before stated have control of the county business and are elected for the purpose of watching over the people's money, and chosen by the people for the position in consequence of their fitness for that particular vocation. And a point of fact is, as any one will see from an examination of the records of the county, that but one commissioner has been elected who resided in Canyon City for more than twenty years. And the commissioners who now run the business of the county and are responsible for the corruption if there is any, of the officers whom they superintend, are Henry Davis from Long Creek and Henry Johnson from John Day.

And only two persons now holding office in this county were residents of Canyon City precinct at the time of their election—those are the sheriff and county treasurer.

The condition of affairs as far as

the officers are concerned are the same as they have been for the last eighteen years.

The people who live in the different precincts of the county have been elected to office and many when elected came to the county seat to reside—at least the treasurer, sheriff and county clerk.

But the author of "A false document" mentioned seems to consider that the location of the town is the cause of the indebtedness of the county and the corruption in office, and that the atmosphere of Canyon City is so polluted that no man can be elected to office and attend to business in Canyon City without being a rascal and a fraud if not a thief.

That immediately upon breathing the atmosphere of the place he becomes tainted with the disease of dishonesty, and falls into the "stinkpot" even though he should come from Long Creek.

Now I will conclude by saying that this kind of a statement—and in fact the whole article headed "A false statement"—appears more like the ravings of a madman than the writing of a man who is working for the people's good. The county seat was located at Canyon City by the vote of the people about twenty-six years ago. The officers who have had the places of trust and controlled our county business for the last twenty years, Cameron, Cozart, Wm. Luce, Frank Wallace, Officer, Damon, Wolfinger, Van Horn, Laurance, Tureman, McGowan, McKimmon, Meador, Jas. McHaley, Henry Davis, Henry Johnson, Maxcy and Hazeltine, may be somewhat corrupt, they not being residents of Canyon City, but I don't think that they have ever been suspected of robbing the U. S. Mail.

VOTER.

"THROW PHYSIC TO THE DOGS." Electro-Magnetic Influence and its effects on the Human System.

As the world advances in age and the people become more enlightened the old schools of medicine gradually give way to modern science. The God given powers of electricity and magnetism supplant the drastic drugs of the pharmacopoeia. The "nostrums infernal" are only kept for human gargoyles. Among the most prominent professors of the new curative age are Drs. Darrin, Wondrous to relate, they are especially successful in curing chronic, acute and private diseases, deafness and catarrh. It is not long since they restored to health Mrs. Olind Olson, of this city. She had been sorely afflicted with chronic rheumatism of the knee joints, and not long since that Mr. George H. Papenberg, a German resident of Tualatin, Or., who had been almost totally deaf for ten years, was cured so he could hear as well as ever in his life, and the cure is permanent, as shown by many of his neighbors visiting Drs. Darrin to be cured of all their chronic diseases. The certificates of cures made by these celebrated physicians would fill a volume. They embrace every disease to which humanity is exposed. The remedies are painless, almost pleasant and infallible. Drs. Darrin are entitled to great credit for their almost miraculous discoveries in the art of electric healing. There is no known curable mania that they cannot conquer if patients will give the doctors a fair chance. Their offices, 704 Washington street Portland, are besieged with the lame, halt, deaf and blind, from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M. They give free examination and charge about the ordinary fee of other physicians. Thousands are given home treatment by mail or express. Parties not able to come can send for question blank and circular free—From Oregonian.

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