

# THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Jan. 22.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Weather at present like spring.

The I. O. O. F. Sociable and Ball Friday evening, Jan. 23, has been postponed.

Senator Blackman is working hard for wagon road appropriations for this county and Harney.

The houses are full. People will keep cool next summer notwithstanding political or other questions of interest.

There is room yet for hundreds of families in Grant county, and we should be doing something to encourage immigration.

Did you hear that man scold? Never mind, though, he has only fallen down once. If the numerous steps in the sidewalk.

It pleases us to state that Mr. D. B. Rinehart does not allow the people to go long at a time without apples, and his excellent cider.

Grant court for Malheur county lasted only two days, and all the business was wound up. Not a criminal charge appeared on the docket.

It is surprising to see the growth that grass has attained in this vicinity where the ground is moist. And this is mid-winter, too.

A petition and draft of a charter for the incorporation of Canyon City has been forwarded to our senator and representative at Salem.

The present legislature is making for itself a record for prompt dispatch of business, even though it may do something foolish before adjourning.

Mr. John Hollis has gone below to secure treatment by a specialist for deafness. He was undecided whether to stop in Portland or journey on to San Francisco.

Mr. John Ray has been suffering from a cancer on his face for a year or two, but he is now pronounced cured. Reuben Fiebig gave him a preparation that knocked it.

John Herburger's family whose members were afflicted with a mild form of diphtheria, have recovered and the disease has not been communicated to any neighboring family.

Solitude, where are those charms that sear have seen in thy face! If the sages had been running newspapers in a small town the solitude would not have appeared so charming, but rather their agony would have stalked up.

Mr. John Segersdahl informs us that he saw two different flocks of wild geese flying south on day last week. They were somewhat belated in their journey to the summer land, although they were not such geese but what they knew their business.

By the incorporation of Canyon City, Prairie City and Long Creek, Grant county will lose the revenue derived from the license of six saloons, amounting to \$2,400 annually. The city governments will have all liquor license business at their own disposal.

Our Roseland correspondent thinks the Canyon City merchants should reduce their prices. Well, we know to a certainty that during the past few months our merchants have made great reduction in the price of their goods—probably since Mr. Beckhorn was in town.

The remonstrances against the passage of an enabling act already forwarded to our senator and representative contained the names of over seven hundred legal voters, representing \$567,000 of taxable property. We understand these are other remonstrances still out that will be sent down.

We are in receipt of a beautiful communication from Bear valley. It is not printed in this issue for the heart-rending reason that the writer's name does not accompany the manuscript. We shall insist on knowing who our contributors are, as by that course alone can publishers protect themselves against fraud.

Hamilton Shepherd who was in jail awaiting trial for larceny gave cash bail some time ago in the sum of \$200 and started on foot to his claim on Slide creek over on Middle Fork. He was soon by the stage driver about the place where he would have the Fox valley road for the trail across the mountains, and since then nothing has been heard of him. As he had promised a tragedy has been surmised.

Men are always prone to borrow trouble from the future. If it don't snow or rain the country will dry up next summer. Sometimes one extreme follows another. The winter thus far has been warm and dry, but what is to him for the spring from being unusually rainy? Let us hope it will be, and not worry over the probability of a dry season, always remembering that one year ago the snow was deep and many stockmen in Eastern Oregon lost all they had.

Many taxpayers and voters in Grant county did not sign either the petition or remonstrance, but stood neutral. And a great number of taxpayers—especially in the John Day valley—are women, and of course not voters. Therefore 700 voters representing \$567,000 on the remonstrance has considerable weight when we take into consideration the fact that women from here to the head of the valley are taxpayers, some of them representing as high as \$9,000.

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

The Court house was reinsured for the sum of \$10,000 for the term of three years, premium \$420.00.

New boundaries were created for road districts No. 6, 7, 20 and 21.

The following road supervisors were appointed for the various districts from 1 to 21, in the order named, and amount of bonds:

T. J. Smith, Canyon City	\$500
S. P. Morgan, John Day	200
H. Johnson, Big Pine	100
Cal Johnson, Strawberry	200
Sam Hough, Prairie City	200
Wm. Lane, Luce Dist.	200
R. E. Dainon, Middle	200
Tom Hyland, South Fork	200
W. R. Warren, Rock & Mtn.	100
J. R. Butler, Shoo Fly	100
Warren Carsner, Haystack	200
Joseph Putnam, Monument	200
J. S. Hamilton, Hamilton	200
Dan Morrow, Long Creek	200
W. O. Gentry, Fox	100
G. L. Skinner, Ritter	200
John Morrison, Susanville	200
James Duffin, Olive	200
Paul Vallin, Granite	200
David Blanton, Bear valley	200
James Wickiser, Rosebud	200

The jury list for 1891, consisting of 203 names, was drawn.

Bills amounting to \$7,188.43 were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the same.

## PRAIRIE CITY NEWS.

Prairie City, Jan. 19.

The sick folks are all on the mend.

Sheep are looking fine in these parts.

Al Shaw is talking of making his home in our town this winter.

Ben Parrot is dishing out whiskey and cigars to the boys at Joe's.

Joe Bates has got in a good supply of ice for next summer's use.

Alex McKenna is in town tonight. He is very handy with the cue.

Miss Minnie McEntire took her departure a few days ago for Baker City.

News is scarce around here. Times are dull; no money in the country.

Mrs. J. E. Masterson and daughters were up here visiting relatives for a few days.

Chas. Gunther has opened up his blacksmith shop in the Basche building in Prairie City.

Major Magone has one of McHaley's pigs that he intends to fatten. It only weighed five hundred pounds when the Major took it away last week.

Coyotes are plentiful in this part of the valley. A good trapper could make a few hog dollars trapping them for the county on their scalps. But he would have to be an experienced hand at the business.

Dave Taylor has quit the detective business and gone to work at hard labor for the balance of the winter. The detective work partook of too much of a daring nature anyhow, for a man with a small constitution.

I did think that I would tell some of the readers of your valuable paper how the winter was going to terminate, but I have made up my mind not to say anything about it until spring, and then I will tell them all about it.

The citizens of this place are talking of organizing a company of state militia to ward off any hostile Indians that may come prowling around next summer if there is an outbreak. So the boys concluded they would try their hand at the soldier business last night up in Chinatown. They fired a few shots to keep the town from having a dull appearance.

Jon Lutz.

Judge Sels departed for Salem last Monday.

Miss Maggie Daly of Prairie City is governess in Mr. Joe Oliver's family.

Mr. Magone is attending the legislature, a delegate from the beautiful John Day valley.

Thus far 100 measures have been introduced in the legislature and \$131,000 asked for wagon roads.

Some of our obscure county exchanges seem to be terribly agitated because the News did not "take sides" in the late agitation.

Mr. J. M. Hatchings informs us that while burning brush recently a \$50 gold watch dropped from his pocket into the fire and was ruined.

A stock company has been formed in this city, we are informed, for the erection of a public hall 30x80 feet, as soon as lumber can be obtained in the spring.

Sheriff Cressop started below Saturday morning with Judge Clifford. Cressop will attend the sheriff's convention at Salem and Clifford will hold court at Pendleton.

Cattle know their enemies. A boy and horse and a calf came through the street. The boy was riding the horse and leading the calf. The calf saw Butcher Bill Gray and took after him. Bill turned to run and the calf assaulted him. The horse laughed.

The matched hunt a few weeks ago was a pleasant affair for the boys engaged. We learn, however, that two whose field of operation was down the river, hired a couple of fellows to help them make a score. We hope this is not true.

## LEGISLATIVE LAWMAKING.

Mitchell for the U. S. Senate—Disposing of Business Rapidly—A Few Of The Bills.

As soon as an organization was perfected the members voted themselves each the usual \$5 worth of stamps and paper to match; also a copy of Hill's code to each member, price \$1.50.

Joe Simon of Portland was elected president of the Senate and Geor of Marion county speaker of the House.

Almost the first work done was that of choosing the U. S. Senator. A joint caucus committee nominated J. H. Mitchell of Portland by acclamation, and the usually difficult job was over.

Following are a few of the bills introduced, particularly those affecting this portion of Oregon:

By Watkins—To maintain portage railroads at certain points on the Columbia river.

By Blackman—To provide \$5000 for a wagon road from Monument to John Day in Grant county.

By Blackman—To incorporate Prairie City, in Grant county.

By Jennings—To create the office of precinct assessor and abolish county assessor.

By Gambee—Requiring petitions for new roads to be published.

By Gambee—Assessment bill, exempting indebtedness, except mortgages, similar to the California law.

By Barnes—To tax stock temporarily grazed or pastured.

By Moore—To display Oregon's resources at the world's fair, on a half mill the first and the same the second year, about \$114,000.

By Thomas—Requiring a \$5 deposit by the plaintiff and \$2.50 by the defendant before county clerks could be required to file papers of proceedings.

By Story—To establish the state mining bureau.

By Welch—Amending the license law allowing no license for less time than one year.

By Meuserdoff—Making the sale of property on the installment plan a misdemeanor.

By Welch—Making the legal rate of interest 6 per cent.

By Dustin—To incorporate Long Creek.

By McCoy—To prevent the herding of stock on the public highway.

By Dolson—To increase the compensation of judges of the sixth judicial district.

By Richey—For \$95,000 (which is surely an error) for a wagon road from John Day to Long Creek.

By Jennings—To make the killing of deer or bear, etc., a penitentiary offense.

By Butler—Creating the office of county instead of district attorney.

By Dustin—For \$10,000 for a road between Malheur and Harney lakes and a bridge across "the narrows."

By Garfield—To tax church property.

Attorney Parish and wife started on a trip to Portland last Tuesday.

It looks as though snow would be as scarce this winter as it was plentiful last.

Coffin & McFarland believe in the use of printers ink at all seasons. See their new ad.

Don't expect the cry of hard times to cease till we produce our own staple articles of food.

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

The hostile Dakota Indians have about surrendered to Gen. Miles. An Indian generally knows which side of his bread has the butter on it, especially in the winter time.

If Drewsey precinct and Silvies valley have unanimously petitioned—as we learn they have—to be set back into Grant, every taxpayer should delight in seeing their desires granted. We need more taxable property.

People who contemplate working hydraulic diggings in this section next summer will come out in the fall with a sure cure for the whiskey habit—no cash—we are afraid, unless the aspect of the weather soon changes.

The mountain back of Marysville is being drilled into by Mr. J. A. Whitman who is industriously endeavoring to reach what promises to be a rich gold-bearing ledge. Mr. Hahn is also doing some prospecting in the same vicinity.

Remarks the Kansas City Star: "A Green county farmer who deeded all his property to his children is hauling rails for a living." A father can support twelve children, but twelve children sometimes find it quite difficult to support one small father.

When you send away for goods remember the firm of Coffin & McFarland at Heppner. They not only guarantee you first class goods at lowest prices, but they pay mail or express charges on same to any stage office in Grant or Harney counties. See their new "ad" for further particulars.

There will be services at the John Day M. E. church next Sunday January 25, at 11 a. m. Rev. C. E. Luce will conduct the services. In this city at 7 p. m. the Pastor will deliver a lecture to the young. Subject, "Reheboam." The choir will furnish music appropriate to the occasion. All are welcome.

## REPORT FROM ROSEBUD.

W. D. Officer, James Gribble and several more of the boys are looking after the wild and woolly long horns that roam the classic brakes of Emigrant creek.

Mr. R. C. Boggs, foreman for D. Magill, started last Friday with a crew of men to ride the lower South Fork and Murder creek country, after stray cattle.

Mr. Geo. Gill, in company with Mr. Boston Dutton, has been buying some cattle in the upper John Day country. We failed to learn the number purchased.

Mr. John Bonum who has been afflicted with rheumatism for the past year will leave soon for Portland to consult some eminent Physician and try to get relief.

Mr. C. E. Lewis, one of the jolliest boys of Rosebud, has erected a neat little cottage on his ranch near the mouth of Smoky creek. Demo Rumor says that his contemplates sleeping double ere many moons.

Mr. H. Summersville, Rosebud's heavy-weight, is off to the Willamette for the winter. To judge by the many improvements which he has made of late one would suppose there would be a change from a "batch ranch."

Mr. W. P. Lewis has sold out his interest in the cattle business to his brother, and is now gathering up the band of horses he has been running on the shales, and will turn them over to Mr. C. W. Bonham.

A FEW THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

The merchants of Canyon City show a little more enterprise.

The fees in Justice court cases come out of litigants and not out of the county.

The Court house stay where it is till wiser out of debt and become better able to go to the expense of building another.

The News boom Grant county and try and induce some of the many emigrants to settle in this part of God's country.

The assessment list galloper and the rate lower. It would do more for Grant county than the repeal of the mortgage tax and luxury laws.

Some citizen of Canyon City do something unexpected to relieve the monetary—we would suggest to the merchants to mark their goods down. It would certainly be a surprise to their customers, and an agreeable one, too. Try it.

TAKE UP YOURS.

Grasp the opportunity and subscribe for the News.

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

In the recent prize fight at New Orleans Jack Dempsey was knocked out in the 13th round, the Australian proving too heavy for him.

The late run of measles treated Mr. Chambers of the New Restaurant very badly. For several weeks he has scarcely been able to leave the house.

England has submitted the Behring sea dispute to the supreme court of the U. S. for a big bluff or otherwise. The supreme court, it is thought, will dispose of itself of the case without action.

The old Indian war claims will eventually all be paid by the government. An order has been made allowing the heirs of old man Scroggins of Long Creek something over seven hundred dollars on an annuity bill.

The proprietors of Eastern Oregon will be compelled to try the efficacy of artesian wells to secure water for irrigation, after a few more dry seasons. John Day valley farmers even will be looking for water elsewhere than in the river.

The secretary of the Interior says it is all talk about the Indians being driven by starvation to hostilities. He says for 14 years have the white people been taxed to support those Indians in idleness. "That they spend their time in idleness, viciously finding fault with the government and indulging in dreams of rapine and slaughter, and it is about time that the government should cease to foster idleness at the expense of the white laborers."

Don't be a clump. Subscribe for your home paper. There may occasionally be things in it that you do not like, but these same articles will please someone else who has the same interest in the paper that you have. Would you refuse to trade at a store because they had some goods that you did not wish, or quit boarding at a hotel because there was a dish on the table that other boarders wanted but you didn't like. Don't be a clump. Take your home paper and keep posted on what is going on around you.

PROGRESS.

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PETITION.—The people of Drewsey and a portion of Silvies valley who were interested in once more becoming residents of Grant county have circulated the following petition in their neighborhood, which we understand has been almost unanimously signed:

## TO THE HON. H. BLACKMAN JOINT SENATOR FROM MORROW, GRANT AND HARNEY COUNTIES, STATE OF OREGON, AND C. S. DUSTIN JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRANT AND HARNEY COUNTIES, STATE OF OREGON:

We the undersigned your petitioners most respectfully represent as follows:—

That we are each and all inhabitants and legal voters and the large majority of us taxpayers of that portion of Harney county herein asked to be cut off from said County and placed in Grant County.

That the present boundary line between said Grant and Harney Counties is indefinite and uncertain by reason of the Act creating said Harney county being ambiguous and on account thereof certain of us are unable to determine which of said Counties we are residents, legal voters and taxpayers of.

That to the majority of us our interests and means of communication with the County Seats of the two Counties are such, that we greatly prefer to be residents and taxpayers of said Grant County.

That if the line between Grant and Harney Counties was so changed and established as to commence at the present South-west corner of said Grant County at the South-west corner of Tp 18, SR 26 NWM and run thence East on said Township line between Townships 18 and 19 South to the South-west corner of Township 18 S R 31 E and thence South on the Twp line between Ranges 30 and 31 E to the South-west corner of Tp 21 S R 31 E and thence run East on the Tp line between Tps 21 and 22 South and on said line extended to the East line of what is now Harney County, the same would include our homes in said Grant County and would be of great advantage to us financially and of benefit to us as a community.

That the present line between said Counties as well as being indefinite and uncertain cuts in twain the Silvies Valley and Drewsey Settlements which are comparatively large, while the line herein described and the establishment of which is asked, will avoid such division of settlements, and will in the main follow the unsettled mountain ranges and water sheds.

Wherefore your petitioners most respectfully pray that you our representatives to the Legislature of Oregon will introduce at the 1891 Session and most earnestly support and cause to be passed a bill so changing and establishing the line between said Grant and Harney counties as hereinbefore designated. And embracing us in said Grant County.

There are no delays of justice in Canada by enabling murderers to carry appeals to all the courts, as is the case in this country. When a criminal is convicted by a jury in Canada there is no appeal except to the Executive power, which interferes with the enforcement of the laws only upon the plainest necessity.

## HAPPY MISS NELLIE KROWN.

Of the Hotel Portland—How She Was Cured of Rheumatism by Dr. Darrin's Electric Cure.

A CARD.—I have been suffering for a long time with rheumatism in my right shoulder and arm. It became so bad it was with great difficulty I could use my arm. It was helpless and painful. In this condition I came to Dr. Darrin for relief. I went under treatment three weeks since, and am now happy to say I am completely cured by electricity. Can be referred to at the Hotel Portland, Portland, Or.

NELLIE KROWN.

## An Open Letter.

Dr. Darrin—Gentlemen: I now take the pleasure of writing you that after a full course of your electro-magnetic treatment I am entirely cured of pain in my chest, which has troubled me for over eight years. Having been under treatment of doctors of Liverpool, Glasgow, Calcutta and San Francisco, none of them did me any good until I came under your treatment, which I am sure has permanently cured me, for which, gentlemen, I beg to remain yours gratefully.

WILLIAM LITTLE, Seattle, Wash.

## Deafness Cured in Ten Minutes.

Dr. Editor—Dear Sir: I reside in North Yakima, Wash. I consulted Drs. Darrin for deafness over three years ago. My left ear was totally deaf. With one operation of Dr. Darrin's electro-magnetic cure, of ten minutes, I was made to hear as well as ever in my life. It remains permanent to this day. I was also cured of a throbby growth over my eye. Can be referred to as to the truth of my statement.

C. V. FOWLER.

## Co. School Supt. of Grant County, Oregon.

Long Creek, Jan. 12th, 1891.

## County Superintendent's Semi-Annual Report of Institute Fund.

RECEIVED OF	
Mrs. Mary J. Waddell for 3d Grade Certificate	\$ 1.00
Mr. Walter Seward, 2nd "	1.00
Mr. W. F. Dullina, permit	2.50
Miss E. Jane White "	2.50
Mr. J. J. Collins "	2.50
Miss Addie Kieffer "	2.50
Mr. W. W. Wood "	2.50
Mrs. Lucy Armstrong "	2.50
Miss Annie Brierly "	2.50
" 3d Gr. Cer.	1.00
" Rowena Lasswell "	1.00
" Addie Kieffer 2nd "	1.00
Mr. W. W. Wood 1st "	1.00
Miss Ida Linbeck permit	2.50

Total \$26.00

The above amount received and paid to the county treasurer of Grant county Oregon, as required by Sec. 25 of Oregon school laws.

I hereby certify that the above report is correct.

M. N. BONHAM, County Supt. Dated at Long Creek, Or., Jan. 1st, 1891.

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## NEW RESTAURANT.

Canyon City, Or.

Jackson Chambers, Propr.

This Restaurant has recently been opened, and will furnish Meals or Lodging at living rates. A special feature about this house is that no Chinese cooks are employed in the kitchen. Give the Restaurant a trial. JACKSON CHAMBERS, Proprietor.