

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, April 2.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Born, at Deer creek, March 25, 1891, to the wife of John Schaff, a son. The M. E. church was filled to overflowing at the Easter services last Sabbath evening. City election next Monday. The candidates, of course, are all confident of "getting there." A number of toothsome salmon have been lifted with spears from the turbid waves of the creek. Major Griffin, representing M. J. Keller the Oakland clothier, was in town Sunday the week.

Hi-yu election.

Wild flowers are blooming profusely everywhere. Eggs are reported plentiful and cheap up about Prairie City. The tidal wave of immigration has commenced to flow into Oregon. Farmers have been getting their plows sharpened up, ready to begin putting in their crops. The meadow lark is singing. He is one of the first harbingers of spring and has brought the weather with him. There will be no special tobacco or cigar tax after May 1, 1891, congress having repealed the law which imposed it. Ere another week we will all be putting on airs like a young Chicago, conscious of the possession of a sure enough mayor. Stanell graded off a lot in Brooklyn, near Bill Gray's suspension bridge, and moved his barn to higher ground. We have a well-broke cat to trade for a lot of fish-poles with hooks and lines—or in fact anything in order to stimulate trade. The personal property of the John Garrison estate was sold last Saturday at prices commensurate to the prevailing scarcity of hard cash. A Janesville, Wis., alderman has been fined \$24 for permitting a rooster-fight in his place of business. Our aldermen should watch their chickens. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States expended for relief during the year ending December 31, 1890, the sum of \$2,501,380.23. On and after April 1st, until further notice, the money order department of the Canyon City postoffice will remain open until 5 o'clock p. m., Sundays excepted. N. Rulison and W. H. Kelly are this city's candidates for recorder, and W. R. Cunningham and Chas. Thomas are up for marshal, the only remunerative offices in the municipality. Baker is the first Eastern Oregon county in the manufacture and shipment of lumber, but Grant has fine bodies of timber that will be used up in building Eastern cities when we get a railroad. We are pleased to note that our business men realized that a flouring mill would be a benefit to this entire valley, and subscribed accordingly to their means to the Prairie City mill bonus. Deer have been seen not far from town lately. Of course it is contrary to law to kill one, but bucks have been known to attack hunters. In that instance we believe a man would be justified in defending himself. A Russian press censor permitted the following item to appear in a Moscow paper: "It is our opinion that Russia needs new railroads and will have them." For this the censor was suspended for three months, and the editor was fined \$300. Fruit pests are playing sad havoc with orchards in the Willamette valley, and it is to the interest of Grant county orchardists to guard against this plague. Never purchase nursery stock from a locality known to be infested. Louis Thibault, who was in from his Bear Valley home on land business this week, reports about a foot of snow in the valley yet, and that the weather remains cold. Mr. Thibault is in the dairy business and will soon furnish good bunchgrass butter. The columns of this paper are always open for communications on all subjects that will benefit the people of this community, on the following conditions: All copy must be short and to the point, and be in not later than Tuesday of each week, and the writer's name must accompany all manuscript. A man was shot and killed in his Alabama town a few nights ago by his sister, into whose house he was attempting to force an entrance "just to frighten her." Instances wherein the practical joker of the intensely funny sort is the greatest sufferer from the effects of his own acts, as in this case, are all too rare. The government of Italy has threatened to boycott the world's fair on account of the work of the New Orleans mob. This prejudice on the part of Italy ought to go farther. They should prohibit the immigration of their beggars, brigands and criminals to a country where Judge Lynch sometimes holds sway. There is considerable interest being manifested in Portland over the Greenhorn mines and it may be expected that extensive developments in that district will be made this year, backed by Portland capital. It would be well now for Baker City to be active regarding the road into that camp.—Democrat. W. B. Davis, of Prairie, was in town Monday talking roller mill with the business men of the town. Every one must see the necessity of this valley manufacturing its own flour, and should encourage the enterprise financially. It may be truthfully asserted that there is not a merchant in the entire valley but who would gladly handle the home made flour to the exclusion of the foreign article.

PRAIRIE CITY NEWS.

March 24, 1891. Mrs. A. C. Gillette is very sick. Henry Mack has gone to Long Creek. City election and roller mill all the talk. High times when the girls visit the bachelors. New play the night of the dance, entitled "Two Kittens." Prairie City is making preparations for the Fourth of July. Several of the dancers at the masquerade took a tumble to themselves. The city limits were re-measured the other day, and now Pike Wright gets a vote. Chas Blunt and others are building a race track on the other side of the river. Ben Erway is riding on the summit of the stage between here and your place. The young men of this place have formed a baseball club. We wish them success. There was a social hop at the residence of Lee Laurance last Friday night. Some of the farmers are uneasy about their land that they purchased from the D. M. R. Co. Roe Hardman was seen going through the streets Sunday with a square and compass, going to survey the race track. The Prairie City dancing club has disbanded, and now the young people go to the country when they want to trip the light fantastic toe. The printer made a mistake in last week's issue, by saying Mrs. Dollina had gone to the Sound. It should have been Master George Dollina. The masquerade ball passed off pleasantly. Robt. Deardoff received the gentlemen's prize, for representing ten dogs, and Mrs. Blinn the ladies' prize, for acting the negress. Major Magone and Julius Bamberger were also well represented. About fifty numbers were sold. One of our most popular ladies' men was seen in the ante room of the Grange hall at the masquerade, sitting between two young maidens, fair. Around the slender waist of one his arm encircled, and around the beautiful neck of the other his arm found repose. Porous Plaster would like to find out how a man stands in so solid. This young man always favors "ladies' choice," but we don't think he will do so in the future. MARCH 31, 1891. Miss Janie Daly started to The Dalles last Sunday. Dr. Barber was up last Sunday to see Henry Bohma, who is very sick. Mrs. Wm. Wright has returned home after a short visit to the Sound. We don't write much this week, as we think our last week's letter will take up some room. OI. Meador has returned from Eugene, where he has been attending the state university. The question has arose as to whether or not we will have to use the Australian ballot system at our municipal election. At the town primary last Saturday the following officers were nominated: For recorder, J. T. Sullens; for treasurer, W. R. Fisk; for councilmen, Wm. Wright, S. S. Durkheimer, H. F. Hyde, Chas. Gunther, L. Laurance and M. Howdell; for marshal, Jesse McMurdo, Albert Worley, E. W. Griffin and Ben Parrott. Almost every farmer in the John Day Valley was at the roller mill meeting last Saturday. The object of the meeting was to devise means for the building of a roller mill at or near this place. Hon. Geo. W. McHaley was elected chairman and Wm. Hall secretary. As not enough had been raised to incorporate a company, it was concluded to see how much could be raised as a bonus, and about \$2000 was subscribed. We wish them success. POROUS PLASTER. In the proud lexicon of the modern farmer there is no such word as fail, and when we have mills and a market for their wheat there can be no such word as fail. Irrigation, in the next few years, will offer the greatest attractions for both capital and brains. As an investment it will be safer and more sought after than railroad stocks. Work will soon be commenced with the state's \$60,000 appropriation for the Cascades portage railroad, which will be sufficient to build and equip the line. Capital and enterprise are not operating in Grant county to any alarming extent. There are not been for some years. All the wheels of a y are started to march of the

BEAR VALLEY ITEMS.

Still the snow stays with us. Bear Valley's literary society has busted. Everything quiet on Scotty creek, as reported by Jim Cox. Adamson brought his horses down from the Big Meadows. They are looking fine. Clyde Lockwood challenges the world on spinning tops, as he claims to be an expert. I saw a load of hay en route for Mr. Deitz, on Canyon creek. Goes to show that Mr. Deitz don't intend for his horses to starve when there is hay to be had. Mr. Waddell is kept busy now tending his little calves. He goes to the cow corral every morning and runs back to the house and says: "Wife, heat the branding iron; another calf." As I have worn the bark off this tree climbing it to gather the news, I shall have to hunt another, and will try to find one in a more convenient spot where I can see all over the valley. Yours till next time. NEMO. A great deal of prospecting will be done in the mountains of Grant county the coming season, as is usual here. Civilization is not wholly a failure. A negro and an Indian have sued a Chinese newspaper in San Francisco for libel. Sheepmen inform us that fleeces are quite heavy this season. A good price for wool now is all that is needed to insure happiness. Roads in the valley are becoming passable, but across the mountains the worst is to come—when the deep snow begins to disappear. Two editors at The Dalles have had a newspaper war, and the result is that the public has ascertained that both these editors are reformed preachers. Charles Olds, familiarly known as "Sandy" Olds, of Portland, who was convicted of manslaughter, on his fourth trial, was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary. Baker county people have a wagon road fund of \$4000 up to date, and the figures are rising. In this way they propose to veto the present wagon road freight bills, or bust. President Harrison signed the bill for a new mint building at Philadelphia exactly 100 years after President Washington signed the bill for the establishment of the original mint. The Bradstreet Mercantile Agency report 21 failures in the Pacific coast states and territories for the week ending Saturday, as compared with 16 for the previous week and 11 for the corresponding week of 1890. Klamath's county board has found 11,104 acres of land in that county which has heretofore escaped taxation, some since 1885. Now it will go on the assessment roll and help relieve other taxpayers. In Wallowa county some stock has been lost; in other stock sections it is rare that loss is reported, and on the other hand their condition is generally reported to be good. The grass is growing and will soon be furnishing good feed. A settlement of Chinamen afflicted with leprosy has been discovered in the heart of the city of Victoria. Several of the celestials afflicted with the disease have escaped the vigilance of the authorities and are now at large. The Dalles has a party of surveyors out to survey a route for a railroad to the Fossil coal mines. The president of the Lehigh Valley railroad and coal mining company is visiting these mines, and it really looks as though something might be done. A census bulletin upon the coal product of Western states says of Oregon: "Outcroppings of coal have been found in nineteen counties in the state of Oregon, both east and west of the Cascade range, but mining operations are reported only in Coos county." The New York Sun, in an editorial on true and false money, says if you melt your gold dollar you will still have a dollar, but if you melt your silver dollar you have only eighty cents. Reasoning to a finish on this line, if you melt your paper dollar where are you! A new industry is said to have been inaugurated in Russia. A reward is offered for all Jews who become christians, and enterprising Hebrews have been going from place to place and professing a change in creed, receiving each time the government bounty of 15 roubles. England has some queer laws. A couple of weeks ago a man named Jackson kidnapped his wife as she was leaving a church in the city of London. Jackson was an adventurer, and married his wife because she was wealthy. She afterwards left him, and he forcibly took possession of her and locked her in the house, where a crowd of indignant people followed him. Here he is protected by the police, and his wife is still a prisoner.

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

Jan. A. Lofton will move into the John Luce residence, two miles up Luce creek, some time this week. It is reported that Mr. Scott, of Kahler Basin, Grant county, lost his house and most of its contents by fire last week. The Pacific Brewery's Celebrated Beer, the best in Eastern Oregon, is now kept constantly on tap at the Red Front Billiard Hall. The census office is preparing a bulletin showing the population of the Southern states by races. The white population is increasing more rapidly than the black. The New Orleans grand jury is still engaged examining witnesses relative to the lynching of the Italians. Most of the witnesses appear to have lost all recollection of the affair. S. H. Tester, who was digging a well at his farm in Red Hills, south of Salem, struck what he pronounced coal oil, and as the result quite a little excitement has been occasioned in that neighborhood. Eastern newspapers are now gravely debating as to whether Lawrence Barrett, the dead actor, was a Mason or not. The discussion was caused by the fact that Barrett received a Catholic burial in consecrated ground. Now comes a prominent Arkansan who says that the "Arkansaw Traveler" had had more to do with giving that state a bad name, by creating a false impression about its people, than all other combined causes that could be imagined. Rabbi Solomon Schindler, of Boston, has taken strong ground against the proposition to colonize Palestine with Hebrews. He says that country cannot support more than 3,000,000 people, and the Russian exiles alone, numbering 5,000,000, would largely overpopulate it. An intoxicated negro in Atlanta, Ga., went to church, and because the preacher did not happen to suit him, he threw him down and sat on him. The negro was arrested and held, not on a charge of assault, but on a charge of having brought liquor into a house of worship, though all the liquor about him was in his stomach. The assassins who were lynched by the people of New Orleans were not the only persons of their nationality that the United States could well afford to spare—if one may judge from the remarks made at meetings of Italians in various parts of the country. At Boston one speaker said: "The Italians are weeping now, but the turn of the Americans will come next." According to the almanac spring has been here nearly a month, but according to the bunchgrass tick it has but just arrived. The almanac being of foreign birth can not possibly foretell the seasons of Eastern Oregon like the bunchgrass tick, being born and bred here and always anxious to cross his blood with priest or prophet as opportunity offers. Mr. West, general superintendent of the Sumpter Valley railroad, informed a reporter of the Baker City Blade that the road would be operated in about one month, and that track-laying would commence as soon as the frost is out of the ground and the material could be secured, which will be in a few days. Although the grading has been done for the wide gauge system the track will be narrow gauge. The Cincinnati Times-Star tells a story of a wealthy Westerner whose wife died a few days ago. Her parents, who reside in Cincinnati and are in straitened circumstances, notified him that they wished to have her remains sent to that city for burial. The wealthy son-in-law boxed up all that was left of his wife and sent the same to them by express, marked C. O. D. Until further notice this man is entitled to wear the belt as the champion mean man of the United States. The state of Washington has passed one good law which escaped the veto power of Governor Laughton. It is a law "giving any person who may do any labor upon any farm or land, in tilling or sowing, harvesting or threshing any grain, as laborer, contractor or otherwise, a lien upon such crops for his work or labor, and every landlord shall have a lien upon the crops grown or growing upon demised lands, for rents during the year; the liens shall be preferred liens." To City Voters. My name having been brought before the convention without my consent, I hereby announce that I cannot and will not consent to be a candidate for city councilman, most respectfully declining the nomination. O. P. CRESAP. ESTRAY NOTICE. Came to my ranch, on Canyon creek, about May 1, 1890, one bay saddle pony branded AB and Q under it on left shoulder, described as follows: Four white feet, white face. Also one gray mare, branded V on left shoulder. Owner can have the above described animals by paying charges. RALPH BYRAN. AROUND THE GLOBE. The Eskimo call seals to them by lying down on the ice and whistling. VOLAPUK is but eleven years old and it is said that 5,000,000 people are able to use it. A PROMISE has arisen who says that the world will be densely overcrowded before it is two hundred years older. It is estimated that nearly 10,000 pickers have been taken so far this winter from Long Meadow pond, near Waterbury, Conn. The highest church-spire in the world has just been completed. It is that of the cathedral at Olm, Wurtemberg, and is 539 feet high. Mrs. H. McDONNELL, of Oklawaha, Ia., began about a year and a half ago to save dimes. A few days ago her bank was opened and the sum total was \$185.70. MARSHAL BOOTH gives this succinct statement of the salvation methods "Serabology and soapology, instead of theology, in dealing with the submerged twelfth of society." THONKSTON RICE is said to have once won \$100,000 at draw poker at a single sitting. It may be true and again it may not, but there were no such "hands" among the brie-a-brae which he left behind him. AN acre of bananas will support twenty-five times as many persons as an acre of wheat. One thousand square feet of land, growing bananas, will produce four thousand pounds of nutritious sustenance. The same space, devoted to wheat or potatoes, will produce only thirty-three pounds of wheat, or ninety-nine pounds of potatoes. EUROPEAN ARMY NOTES. The American saddle is being used by the British mounted infantry. GENERALS Gibbon and Benet are soon to be retired from the army, having both reached the age limit. The British army costs \$177,000,000 a year. This is \$10,000,000 more than Germany pays for the support of her soldiery. THE armies of the Central Asiatic States under the protection of the Czar will be offered hereafter by Russians from Russia's European army. The German navy will have thirty-seven more vessels in active service this year than last. The total number to be assigned to duties lasting from three to ten months is ninety-six. CANNIBALS shot will not be used in the French army in future. The shells are filled with an explosive made of chrysolite and a substance kept secret; and every battery has seventy-five rounds of these projectiles. THE list of pensioned officers in the German army has swelled noticeably since the accession to the throne of Emperor William II. The number of pensioned generals of cavalry and infantry has increased from 28 to 54; of Adjutants and Generals, from 215 to 340; of Major Generals, from 258 to 302, and of Colonels, from 385 to 600. EMPEROR WILLIAM'S announcement that he will attend the Imperial Review on maneuvers of 40,000 troops near Munich next fall has created a considerable sensation in the "State rights" press of South Germany. Vaterland, a clerical paper, protests that "Bavaria has a reputation, and a king, but has not an emperor, and therefore 'imperial maneuvers' are out of the question." WHERE JUSTICE REIGNS. A WISCONSIN judge has decided that a dentist can not legally pull a tooth on Sunday. A BILL has been introduced into the Legislature of Indiana providing that any man who shall be proven guilty of whipping his wife shall himself receive sixty lashes, and that the public shall be admitted to the jail yard to see him whipped. "TALL, any twenty-five tall, lean men," said an old court officer to a reporter, "and you can secure a jury in a murder case. They have no conscientious scruples against the death penalty. As a rule, short, thick men have doubts on this point." In Towson, Md., Mr. Johnson bit off Mr. O'Brien's ear during a scuffle, and was indicted for mayhem. A demurrer was sustained upon the ground that the indictment read, "bit off a piece of ear," instead of the strict wording of the law, "bit off an ear," and the case was dismissed. CHIEF JUSTICE DALY, of the court of common pleas, New York City, had summoned to appear before him the other day 242 men who had been drawn for jury duty and who had failed to respond. He fined fourteen who failed to appear, to offer any explanation, \$110 each, and accepted the excuse of fifty. "Ich verstahe kein English," was the reply of a coal-black negro who was asked his name in a New York police court recently, and the court interpreter found that the only language the man knew was German. His name was Joseph Steinmetz and he has lived all his life in Berlin, where he was brought from the Congo in babyhood. "I AM afraid, madam," said a prison-keeper who was looking for apartments, "that the house is too near the station to be pleasant." "It is a little noisy," assented the landlady, "but from the front veranda one has such a fine view of the people who miss the trains," she added, with an air of triumph. As will be seen in another column, under notice of administrator's sale, there will be sold on the 11th of next month, 480 acres of land lying south of the Herlanger and John Luce farms, all fenced. It is splendid pasture land, with living water, and sufficient to launch 1000 axes in with-out trouble. Also 160 acres lying between Canyon and Marysville, including the old race track. It has a great deal of farming land on it, and water can be got easy. One-fourth of cash, one-fourth in three months, and one-half in one year. For particulars see notice of sale. FOR SALE. One dark-bay Morgan and Sidney stallion, 3 years old on the 4th day of next June, height, 16 hands and 1 inch. One iron-grey Morgan and Sidney stallion, 3 years old. M. M. ADAMSON, Summit Ranch, Bear Valley. AU

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SUMMONS. IS THE CLERK OF THE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF GRANT. Milton M. Adamson Plaintiff vs. Mary A. Adamson Defendant. To Mary A. Adamson, Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint against you in the above entitled suit on or before Monday, 27th day of April, 1891, being the first day of the regular term of the Circuit Court of Oregon for Grant County, and if you fail so to answer, or if you answer and the Court shall find in favor of the Plaintiff, you shall be liable for the costs of this suit, and the execution of the judgment against you for the costs and disbursements of this suit. You will further take notice that this summons is published by the order of Hon. Morton D. Clifford, the Judges of the Circuit Court of Oregon for Grant County, made and entered the 11th day of March, A. D. 1891.