

Thursday, April 9.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Trees and shrubs about to leaf out. Chinooks and showers and emerald hues. Snow line slowly crawling up toward the summits. Frogs getting bold, and their beautiful songs can be heard. Last Monday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the G. A. R. Spring in this locality, as, indeed, in all Eastern Oregon, is at least two weeks later than in former years. Judge Sels returned home Saturday evening. He had rather poor health while sojourning in Wolffoot land. Kenneth McEae was a passenger on Saturday's stage, from Portland, where he had been on a business trip. It might be well to remind successful anglers for trout that the close season is now off, and they need not be afraid to say how many they caught. On the 27th circuit court for this county will convene. This term will no doubt be a lengthy one, the docket, both civil and criminal, giving promise of being greatly extended. Advice from down the valley are to the effect that range grass is fine, and sheep shearing is in full blast. Fred Guion's crew of ten sheers is operating in the vicinity of Dayville. The school entertainment Saturday evening was the occasion of much enjoyment, and successful financially. The recitation entitled "Woman's Rights," by Miss Pearl Rulison, elicited the greatest applause. Sloan & Haskell, who have their placer mine on Elk creek opened up in fine shape, intend to operate extensively the coming season, so we learn. They have good ground and excellent facilities for working it. Our watchmaker here in Canyon City has just bought a line of spectacles and eye-glasses which is undoubtedly one of the best and most complete ones in Oregon. Genuine pebbles a specialty. Moderate prices. Baker City has become weary of paying for the luxury of electric street lights, and the papers announce that the town has been left in total darkness. This is a sad commentary on the Queen City's enterprise. We learn that C. S. Miller, the owner of the Monumental mine, will operate the mill as a custom mill. This will be a great advantage to the mine owners in the Granite country, especially to those operating small veins. The East Oregonian says: "The GRANT COUNTY NEWS is twelve years old. It is a prosperous and useful local paper." Thank you, Bro. E. O. We intend to become more and more useful until we reach the pinnacle upon which you proudly stand.

Now that the city has a regular set of "dads," the first good move would be to do some sidewalk legislating and sanitary regulating. Back yards and refuse heaps should receive attention, that we may guard against the visitation of some terrible epidemic when the warm days of summer come. Emil Schoff, of Hamilton, called on the News a few days ago and informed us that sleepless in his locality had had very good luck, so far, with the lamb crop. In another year he thought all of them would stand on as solid a footing, financially, as they did prior to the big loss of one year ago. Men versed in the habits of railroads predict that when a railroad comes this way it will make a detour of the head of the valley and follow the line of the miners' ditch, and then push on up the gulch to Harney. This being probable, it would be well to secure building lots on Whiskey Flat, half a mile above this city. A fine horse, raised by Adam Gordon, of Beech creek, and owned by Gordon & Blunt, was a guest at the City Livery Stable during the week. Grant county has produced many improved horses and is still producing them—in fact the day of the cayuse pony is about ended, as far as marketable animals are concerned. A somewhat perilous fishing excursion was participated in at Dayville, a short time ago, we have been told. Tom Connor, Dan Murray and Mike McNulty went out in the raging John Day to fix a salmon net, and lost control of their boat which landed on a stump in the middle of an eddy. The boys shouted for help, and Bud Greenwell threw them a rope and with a horse pulled their frail craft to a safe place in the stream, thus saving the lives of the brave fishermen. Last year many teamsters from this section took wool to the Heppner warehouse, but partially marked, and were in some cases unable to inform the warehousemen as to the postoffice address of the owner, or to advise concerning shipment. All they could remember was that they were to get their freight money on delivery. The manager of the warehouse requests that persons sending wool to Heppner will kindly mail instructions concerning their wool, or at least send written instructions by the teamsters. Verbal orders are uncertain and unsatisfactory.

It has been demonstrated that water will not run up hill. If you need potatoes read the advertisement in these columns. While the marble man is in town you should order your monument. La Grande had another fire last week, half of a business block being burned. A paper in a little Kansas town announces: "All of John Thompson's dogs are dead, except twelve." April 10th is Arbor Day, and should be observed as such by every public school in the land. Plant trees and beautify the school grounds. Sheriff Cressop has started on his mission of serving notices on such unfortunate as have been selected to perform jury duty at the coming term of court. Charley Gray received a knife wound in the hand while at work in the slaughter house, last Monday, skinning a beef, but no serious results are anticipated. The circuit court has dissolved the injunction against the sale of the John Carry property, and the sale of the horses, which was delayed, will come off on the 17th inst. Dayville folks take immense pride in their Sabbath school, and some of the members inform us that their particular institution of religious training is progressing finely. We came near having to contradict all fine weather items in this issue, on account of a few snow squalls along with the spring showers. But grass is growing all the while. People in Chicago and other Eastern cities are dying of "la grippe" at an alarming rate. Almost two hundred deaths were reported in one day in Chicago. England's possessions in India are disturbed by a rebellion. Five hundred native troops were ambushed and massacred a few days ago by their fellow-countrymen. John Hollis returned home last Saturday, after a sojourn in California among relatives. Mr. Hollis returns much improved in health, and reports Californians in good spirits, in anticipation of abundant crops. We are pleased to note the success attending the labors of the flouring mill committee. About \$2500 was raised as a bonus, and parties who have been corresponding with the committee have been written to. WANT SOME SPEDS—I have for sale about seven tons of the finest potatoes ever raised on the John Day river. Can be had at my ranch, two miles above Mt. Vernon, at 14 cents per pound. FRED L. THEERY. Representative Hermann has presented a numerous signed petition from people in Grant and Morrow counties, asking for direct mail communication between Harbison, in Morrow county, to Wagner, in Grant county. Mr. Vinson, of the Niles & Vinson Marble works, was taking orders in the city this week. We see by Walla Walla exchanges that this firm shipped, during one week in March, over twenty thousand pounds of freight to Lewiston, Colfax and Palouse country. Sheriff Cressop has received for taxes, for 1890, \$24,000 out of a total levy of \$38,000, leaving \$14,000 still delinquent. Notwithstanding the hard times and prevailing scarcity of cash, Grant county's taxpayers generally manage to "dig up," although it is sometimes a great effort before the mutton and wool is marketed. The wise men from the East came West and stuck their peg in Grant county. Subsequently they remained here, and ere long will reap the reward for years of toil. Those who have land will wake up some fine morning and find it valuable, while persons with no land, and not much ambition to acquire some, will howl and tear their clothes. A man in Milwaukee saw a woman fall down. He helped her up and spoke words of consolation, and she sent him a deed of a \$500 lot. A man in Astoria did the same thing last week, but the woman yelled for help, the husband came and the consoler's nose was broken; all of which goes to show there is no understanding woman's ways—Astoria Columbian. You will find the NEWS in favor of progress every time. Grant county must produce more of the food consumed here. We want more mills and manufactories and must have them before the county makes the strides forward that should mark the coming years. Natural advantages are good in their place, but where nature has done her part enterprise must step in and join the procession. The NEWS is cheated out of another first-class item because the gun failed to do its work. Gen. Joe McAllister was in town a few days ago, and after he returned home he imagined that someone had robbed him of his pension money. He announced his determination of shooting himself, and neighbors tried to encourage him in that proposition. Joe did fire a gun in his cabin, and when his neighbors arrived on the scene they found him quietly picking up chips to make a fire for supper. Of course they were disappointed, having had their run for nothing. Joe afterwards said that the loss of his money was only imaginary.

PRAIRIE CITY NEWS.

April 7, 1891.

Farmers have all commenced plowing. William Anderson is over from Malheur. There was a social dance at the Grange hall last Monday night. We noticed the face of Attorney Denning in town one day last week. City election passed off very quietly. Forty-nine votes were cast. "Cooney" Johnson is over from the Malheur, gathering his crop of rice. We understand that the tie for marshal has been given to Albert Worley. H. F. Dodson has returned from Sanger, where he has been working in the mines. Hon. G. W. McHaley and Judge R. H. J. Comer have filed an injunction against the city for incorporating government land. April fool's day has passed, and we are very glad of it. Some of the jokes here caused considerable trouble. When a man gives a joke he ought to take one. Our worthy detective was so besieged on election day by office-seekers that he refused to vote, although influence to the amount of \$250 and a new pair of boots was brought to bear upon him. At the municipal election the following officers were elected: Recorder, J. T. Sullens; treasurer, W. R. Fisk; marshal was a tie between Jesse McMurdy and Albert Worley; councilmen, M. Howell, W. Wright and S. S. Durkheimer. Died, at the residence of H. Johnson, March 31, 1891, Henry Bohna, Mr. Bohna was born in Clackamas county, Or., Dec. 13, 1866. He was just in the prime of life, honored and respected by all who knew him. By his loss Prairie City loses one of its best and most respected young men. POREUS PLASTER. Clean your premises, paint your buildings and show that you possess some enterprise as well as cleanliness. Even Lake county is complaining of bad roads this spring. Bad roads in the spring mean big crops in the summer. A ton of diamonds at the present day is worth \$35,000,000. We find this information to prevent the public being overcharged. The Pacific Brewery's Celebrated Beer, the best in Eastern Oregon, is now kept constantly on tap at the Red Front Billiard Hall. Canada exported \$40,000,000 worth of products to the United States last year, and the United States sent to Canada \$52,000,000 worth. A package of four dozen fishing flies, addressed to Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, has been seized by New York customs officials. There are no flies on the free list. Quotations at Salem on wool are firm, and the prospect is there will be little change on account of the spring clip, which will come in during May and June. Valley wool is quoted at 21 cents and Eastern Oregon wool at 17 to 20c. Fruit is very backward. The season is very favorable to it however, for its being now retarded insures it against possible late frost. Fruit prospects are, indeed, very flattering and if no unusual conditions arise the yield will be large. Little more than a year remains before the nominating conventions for the presidential contest of 1892. It is noticeable that the calculations of the president makers accord an increasing importance to the Western and Northwestern states, in considering the issues and possible candidates. The secretary of state is instructed to have published from the material in his possession a record of the early Indian wars of Oregon and a brief sketch of the pioneer history preceding such wars and connected therewith. The cost of this work shall not exceed \$1500. The published books will be sold by the secretary of state at their actual cost. We feel much pleasure in announcing to Messrs. Wm. Cooper & Nephews, Berkhamsted, England, proprietors of the celebrated sheep dipping powders, have just established a branch house at Galveston, Texas. In this, as in any other wool producing country, the Cooper dip has won for itself such a reputation that we most cordially welcome its establishment in this country. Hitherto their trade in the United States has been worked at a great disadvantage, as every business must be which has no establishment in a country where it is being carried on. We note one very important result already. The retail price, which heretofore has been \$20, will in future be reduced to \$16 per case, with a small addition for extra freight to distant points. With this reduction we are informed that the Cooper powder will, in the usual two dippings for scab and if used at direction strength, work out at a fraction over one cent per sheep.

BEAR VALLEY ITEMS.

April 4, 1891.

Pleanty of snow yet. Stock looks as well as could be expected. Mr. Blake Landreth gave a taffy pulling the 18th. The young folks all report having a pleasant time. The literary society did not bust, as reported by Nemo, but only closed on account of bad roads and high water. Mr. A. Wickiser gave a dance on the 20th of last month. Several from Silvies Valley attended. All had a good time. I don't think Nemo climbs to the top of his news tree, for if he did he would have seen some of the Scotty creek men with their bristles raised. I wonder if he thinks things are quiet on the Silvies river, also. What young man is that we see going to Canyon City in a buggy, every few days. Things look suspicious, my boy. Expect he will bring a woman back with him some of those times. "Git there Nemo." R. V. H. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS. Assessor Brannin, of Umatilla county, who has been industriously making inquiries to discover the basis of assessment in other counties of the state, gives the Oregonian correspondent the following statement of values the different assessors heard from intend putting on property this year: Josephine—100 per cent. Columbia—Real estate, the same as last year; machinery, 50 per cent; all stock, 75 per cent; mortgages, 50 per cent; money and accounts, 100 per cent. Polk—75 per cent. Benton—Land, 50 per cent; money and mortgages, 100 per cent; stock and merchandise, 75 per cent. Douglas—60 per cent. Coos—Same as last year. Grant—100 per cent. Linn—Same as last year. Lane—70 per cent. Washington—50 per cent. Morrow—Near 75 per cent. Jackson—Higher than last year. Multnomah—One-third to one-half on realty; mortgages, 50 per cent. Clackamas—Nearly 50 per cent. Union—Average. Wasco—Undecided, but will assess at 100 per cent if the people do not oppose it. Tillamook—Higher than last year. The Yamhill county assessors writes Mr. Brannin that the average of the above is nearly 63 per cent, and he will endeavor to assess at that value, except money and mortgages, which he will assess at 80 per cent. Assessor Brannin intends placing a valuation of 66 per cent on real estate and mortgages in that county, and will assess money, notes and accounts at their face value. Fruit-Growing in the North. The culture of fruits in Oregon and Washington is one of the undeveloped promising industries of those wonderful states to the north of California. A writer in the Petaluma Courier recently put the case in this graphic style: "The pioneers who crossed the dreary plains into Oregon in 1840 and 1844 carried with them the seeds of fruit trees, and planted and fruited them there early. Some of the oldest orchards in California have trees still growing in them, and bearing heavily, that were brought from Oregon before the days of '49. Oregon has a magnificent climate and soils for all hardy and semi-hardy fruits. She has not progressed so rapidly as California in fruit culture for want of a market. California attained transcontinental railroad connection more than a score of years earlier than Oregon. This gave the dry state a long start ahead in fruit culture; but now, as a matter of fact, Oregon is the better fixed of the two in having competing lines of railroad across the hills and prairies. The same may also be said of Washington. Therefore those great states are beginning to 'make a fuss' in fruit production, and they are going to keep it up and rightly, so, for they have got that great northern world, swept by blizzards, to supply with fruits. It is a country of vast extent, which will soon be teeming with millions of people, living where fruits cannot grow, but where 'stuff' with which to exchange for fruits can be; and, besides, they have a cool, northern, direct route by which they can ship East. Oregon apples and prunes and plums, and possibly grapes and peaches, will soon make a great showing in the world's markets, for no better or greater or surer crops can be grown anywhere. First-class clean seed barley for sale at Gundlach's. Go to the Red Front Billiard Hall, Canyon City, for fine wines, liquors and cigars. To expel the impurities in the blood and give strength to the system, use the effects of warm baths and Pfunder's Ore-

MUNICIPAL CONTEST.

At Canyon City's first election under the charter of incorporation, held last Monday, the following persons had the honor of receiving a majority of votes for the various offices: Mayor, C. W. Parrish; councilmen, D. G. Overholt, M. V. Thompson, N. H. Boley, A. Huppert, Frank McBean; recorder, N. Rulison; treasurer, John Muldrick; marshal, W. R. Cunningham. The closest vote was between Rulison and his opponent, W. H. Kelly. Rulison received 41, and Kelly 40 votes. To use a familiar quotation, "the election passed off quietly." Read the new ads. this week. Rev. Mr. Luce took a trip to the Longwater country during the week. Mrs. Birdie Sels is visiting at Dayville, with her sister, Mrs. Snow. D. G. Overholt and wife started yesterday morning for Portland, where David will purchase a large stock of new goods. Wm. Overholt, of Monument, is assisting in the store during the proprietors absence. The state penitentiary closed its gates the other day on two men, Duval and Daring, from Arlington. They had stolen two dollars and fifty cents, and for this crime they got three years each. Sandy Olds was committed a day or two before to the same hospital for a cold-blooded, red-handed murder. He got a year. From all which it follows that in the eyes of Oregon judges and juries it is a three-greater crime to steal two and a half than to take a human life.—Dalles Chronicle. Foster, the great weather prophet, predicts terrible storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tornadoes, and all manner of bad things between the 2d of May, 1891, and the 2d of May, 1892. He says he knows he will be criticized extensively for making such predictions, but time will prove him correct. Foster has been running successfully a rather large retail weather bureau for some time, but it is to be hoped he will prove a dismal failure in the wholesale business. Two branches of the Mormon church at Independence, Mo., known respectively as the "Hendrickites" and the "Reorganized church," are fighting for possession of Mount Zion, a low hill about four acres in extent, which was selected by Joshua Smith as the place where all the elect will assemble on judgment day, and from there be taken to heaven. The Mormons believe the foundations for a magnificent temple were laid many years ago by the angel Gabriel and his hosts, who will descend from heaven and uncover these foundations, and in a single night erect a beautiful temple. Italy killed all the members of the Mafia that did not escape to America, and now when her escaped assassins meet the death they so richly merited, the Italians are boiling over with rage. If they would kick up a little war, it would be a good excuse for killing the balance of the Italian cut-throats left in this country. But Uncle Sam has already said he was awful sorry it occurred, and he hopes as how it won't occur again. He will probably wind up by paying about a million dollars apiece for the brutes, rather than that the king of Italy and his subjects should have any hard feelings over the matter. The Dalles should be the diverging point of several railroads penetrating the country south and north. Gilliam, Crook and Grant counties must be reached from this city, and the same can be said of Kliekitat county in Washington. With means of transportation these counties would add their natural wealth to the trade of this city, and the greatest wheat and wool shipping point in the Northwest would be here. We are at the gateway of the Inland Empire, at the head of navigation, and have every known facility for commerce and manufactures. The time has come when we must help ourselves, or reap no benefit from the flood-tide of prosperity which is now rushing over the Northwest. Trans-continental lines will not help build up this city; but railroads controlled by local capital will. Build a road to Goldendale, one to the Fossil coal fields, and from thence into Crook and Grant counties, and in a very little while we shall witness a wonderful increase in business and material wealth.—Mountaineer.

Mr. Petroff, who had charge of the census of Alaska, estimates the population of the territory at 28,000 to 38,000. Of this number one-seventh are white. The United States has 776,500 miles of telegraph wire, and in 1880 no less than 36,000,000 messages were sent through the country. France has 27,489 miles of wire, on which in 1880 were transmitted 30,450,000 dispatches. Great Britain has 180,000 miles of metal line, and in 1889 sent 50,000,000 messages. In England and Wales, out of 30,924 food samples which were recently analyzed, 3,096 were found to be adulterated. This is equal to 11 1/2 per cent., a percentage lower than in any previous year since 1888, when it was under 11. Nearly one-half the samples taken were of milk, and the percentage reported against was 13.3. The number of males and females is about equal and their average life is about thirty-three years; one-fourth of the inhabitants die before they reach their fiftieth year. To 1,000 persons only one reaches the age of one hundred years; to every 103 only six reach the age of sixty-five, and not more than one in 500 lives to see their eightieth year. If a man eats a pound of beef, mutton or other flesh every day, in a year he will consume 365 pounds, and in six years 21,900 pounds of meat. He will eat the same weight of vegetables and quite as much bread, so here are 42,822 pounds more. He will drink every day two quarts of coffee, tea, wine, beer or water, making a total of 10,900 gallons or about 175 hogheads of liquid. THE LADIES DELIGHTED. The pleasant effect and the perfect safety with which ladies may use the liquid fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasant to the eye and to the taste, gentle, yet effective in acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels.



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