

# THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Sheriff's sale of mining property at the court house next Saturday.

*Thursday, July 30.*

## LOCAL BREVIETIES.

Be careful of your fires these days; the shingles are dry.

See the fine and low priced clocks at the Watchmaker's.

See program of the Grant County Teachers' Institute in another column.

The warm springs of the upper valley are a favorite resort for persons failing health.

Finer line of clocks never before seen in Grant county now at the Watchmaker's.

During the past week the weather has been the warmest of the season and grain fields are ripening.

Fred Horsley states that the delegates to the A. O. U. W. grand lodge were exceedingly well treated by their British cousins over at Victoria.

In the county court case of Class Flagellate vs John Marshall and others was postponed until the next Monday in September. George Baker vs W. H. Hunter and others was.

W. H. Kelly finished painting the front of Stanwell's building a few days ago. Paint makes a wonderful difference in the appearance of a town especially if the town is painted red.

Interest is being excited in Canyon City's fire department. This is as it should be. We have an excellent hydraulic water system and fire fighting apparatus, and a well-drilled hose team is a necessity.

The Mettingly's are coming. To everyone who takes delight in witnessing a first-class performance this is welcome news. Mettingly's troupe has been reinforced, and the performances will be better than ever—if possible.

Mr. Peeler, the Prairie City flouring mill man, writes that Messrs. H. H. Meadow, N. S. Babcock, Sullens, and Ben Davis have gone to Baker to load the mill machinery, and that the mill will be ready to receive wheat by the first of September.

Fred Horsley returned home Sunday evening from Victoria, accompanied by his mother and Cabinet, who had been to Portland to meet Miss Mandie, who was enroute from Oakland, Cal. to the city of Boston, where she goes to attend the conservatory of music.

Deputy Postmaster Parrish, who turned from a trip to South Fork last Monday, reports everything lovely in that country. Haying is in full blast and crops are immense. Carlos Bonham is doing a splendid blacksmith business repairing broken moving machines.

Last Wednesday night the News received two letters postmarked at Prairie City on the 20th, which letters should have arrived at this office Tuesday evening. We are at a loss to account for them being on the road two days, when the distance is only four teen miles.

Bob and Eva Mettingly, our old time favorites, are coming with a fine company, which consists of the Hogue family, three in number, James Ryan, Ella Higgins, Ron and Eva McGinley and D. P. Stover. They will appear at the Masonic hall on Tuesday night, August 1st. Admission as usual.

In the Pocahontas mountains near Baker City an old miner named Webb has been running a tunnel for twelve years, hoping to find a lot bed of gold bearing gravel. Indications are that he has at last come near unto the long sought treasure, we trust. His labor and perseverance should not go unrewarded.

Register Huntington, of the Burns Land office, furnishes the following statement showing amount of land subject to entry in Burns district, by counties. Crook, 18,880 acres claim 1,197,217; Baker, 200,598; Malheur, 1,937,526; Harney, 2,357,337. Un surveyed lands, Grant county, 233,075; Baker, 37,357; Malheur, 1,367,726; Harney, 389,1000.

While Chas. Eads, of Shady, was on his way to Prineville recently he met a grizzly bear in the trail. Mr. Eads dismounted from his horse and took a shot at his bearship slightly wounding him, whereupon the bear instantly gave chase pursuing Mr. Eads to remount. A second shot so severely wounded the bear that it gave up the chase and went into a thicket where it was impossible for a horse to pass through.

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Travel from railroad points into this interior country is increasing.

Born, Thursday, July 29, to the wife of Henry F. Dodson, a girl.

Judge Dustin has just returned from a bicycling tour at Soda Springs.

McGinley's advertising car passed up the road towards Burns, with flying colors.

Get your eyes fitted with the right kind of spectacles at the Watchmaker's Canyon City.

The trial for trespass last week resulted in the acquittal of Harry O'Brien, the defendant.

Mrs Nellie Gray, who has been visiting Mrs. Beaman of South Fick, returned home Monday.

Apples are ripening, and now this staple fruit will be in Grant county's market places for the next eleven months.

John Day people have succeeded in having the ministry's mansion moved from Troybridge hill down into the midst of town.

Messrs. Wm. Carpenters, Mrs. Bucklemeier, and others from Prairie heightened this family with their presence yesterday.

The agents of the Union Pacific System are provided with railroad and steamship tickets to all points east as well as to and from foreign ports.

Go to the Red Front Biltmore Hall for a cool, refreshing drink of the finest lager beer in Eastern Oregon. Beer can be tap on and after May 1st.

Robert Foster, a young nephew of Mr. J. M. Foster, who is on a visit to his uncle, has been riding since his arrival here from Wash., but is improving in our heating climate.

We acknowledge the receipt of two photos of Strawberry lake and environs, through the courtesy of patrons of the News. This beautiful lake is destined to become a favorite pleasure resort.

Ed. Stanwell rolled a big cabbage in to our saloon yesterday. Mr. Stanwell has a fine garden on his Canyon creek ranch, and his cabbage crop does credit to any of our valley gardens.

Lawyer Deering started last Monday to Baker City to meet his mother-in-law, who is coming over on a visit. He was accompanied by Miss Kneller, who is returning to her home in Iowa.

Died at his home in Burns, last Saturday, July 25, Mr. J. T. Silman. Mr. Silman was a business man of Burns, and was known by great numbers of people here. Funeral occurred Sunday.

Huckleberries are ripening up above Prairie. A small party went out from that fair city a few days ago and gathered fifteen gallons in one day, which shows that huckleberries, as well as pickens were plentiful.

John Day folks are advised that the new flouring mill machinery for their place is at Baker City, but there has been some difficulty in opening the car or some other irregularity, which prevented the freighters from loading it. However, they expect it to be along soon.

Upper South Fork ranchers must have had facilities, for that section is being settled and improved very rapidly. The News besides a number of citizens of Canyon City, has done some faithful work toward making facilities for these people, and none of us will stop work until the need is attained.

Off late John Day has put quite a history, inasmuch as he was born on the Atlantic ocean many years ago.

A party of Scotch immigrants were bringing their dogs along with them. The dogs arrived in Oregon and Joe has been so fondous in the family ever since.

The M. C. & A. T. Co.'s ranches at Heppner City are already received considerably over 2,000,000 pounds of wool which places it next to The Dalles as a primary shipping point for this product in the state of Oregon, and one among the largest in the Northwest.

Mr. J. M. Foster brought to our office yesterday a bundle of oats from his toothill ranch, that measured 18 inches in length, and well headed out. Mr. Foster's oats were grown on hill land, and his crop is ample proof that Grant county's hill ranches are not behind the bottom land.

Prairie City folks contributed about ninety days work to the Prairie City and Robinsonville road, and we are informed that the road is now in splendid condition. This gives the Robinsonville miners an outlet to this productive valley, where they can obtain grain, flour, fruit and vegetables abundantly.

V. O. Kelly, who was formerly known here as Stagecoach Kelly, is coming up in the world—at least Sunday when he went up in a balloon. Kelly is a student of Prof. Hagad and was to have taken his first paragliding jump Sunday. We have not learned the result, but it did not kill him. Mr. Kelly will henceforth be known as Prof. Kelly or "Aeronaut Kelly." Quite a promotion from the humble buckboard driving and we are glad to see Grant county men ascending in the world.

Attention is called to the sale of the Oregon State Normal School, Monmouth, Ore. Next term of this excellent school opens under direction of an entirely new board of regents appointed by the state. The board of regents have adopted a very liberal policy in increasing the faculty and supplying apparatus, thus giving to Oregon a state school second to none on the coast.

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## OUR MAGNIFICENT COUNTRY.

### Editor News:

Through the kindness of Messrs. Brown & Sharp, photographers of this place, please accept enclosed photos of Strawberry lake and picnic grounds adjacent to the lake. Last Wednesday eve a party of about 25 young ladies and gentlemen left Prairie for a change of climate. This crowd wanted an "elevation" so they mounted horses and carts and started on a pleasure trip to the "garden spot" of Grant county, viz. Strawberry lake. This is a grand body of water and is situated fully 6,500 feet above the sea. The roads are in first class condition within three miles of this pleasure resort, and these three miles will be put in good repair before many weeks pass by. This is a wonderful country to pass the summer season in. The country surrounding the lake is mountainous, shaded peaks and timber being abundant, and game of all kinds is plentiful. Before many months pass this lake will be one of renowned fame. This beautiful body of water is about one mile long and two hundred yards wide, and from eighteensixty feet deep. A pretty fair wagon road leads to it, but it is the intention of the citizens of Prairie and surrounding country to make this site for a summer resort. Sun round by snow capped peaks, cool mountain streams on all sides filled with speckled trout, game in abundance. McFerrellville will probably be called, is admirably situated for a town and is just the site for a summer resort. Sun round by snow capped peaks, cool mountain streams on all sides filled with speckled trout, game in abundance. McFerrellville will

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