

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Aug. 6.

LOCAL PREVIEWIES.

Deposit a bond with your mail route bid.

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

Teachers, remember the examination to be held next Wednesday.

Note the change in P. Busche & Co's ad, and don't fail to get their prices.

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

Show the world that you have some energy left, and let's have a system of electric lighting.

Dore & Beaudet's lumber yard is assuming respectable proportions, under the guidance of Jimmy Robinson.

Mrs. Sels and her daughter, Lizzie, arrived home Friday evening, after an extended visit to Dillon, Montana.

The annual teachers' institute, which will be held in this city commencing next Monday, promises to be largely attended.

Berry Bros. have loaded the Phoenix mine near Robinsonville to Baker City parties, we learn, and development work is going on with a force of six men.

Lawyer Denning returned home from Baker City last Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. M. Kieffer, Mrs. Denning's mother, who comes on a visit.

The Baker stage rolled in Sunday night in grand style—a covered coach and four. Tommy ought to send them in that way all the time, and thus catch all the passenger travel.

The Seven Devils horse appears to have subdued. Greenhorn, Granite and Middle Fork have had no boom yet, but when they do we believe it will last more than one season.

Hurry for the Postal Department. It has listened to the prayer of its dying mortals, and will at last give our South Fork brethren facilities. Let the people now kill the fatted sick-car.

It is reported over here that Stage driver Kelly who made his first bail loan ascension and parachute jump at Baker City a week ago Sunday, hit the earth too suddenly and came out with a broken leg.

Harney valley will have the usual fall rains, beginning at Harney City on Sept. 3d. Prices amounting to \$1,025.00 will be offered. The rains will also with a grand basket picnic, a balloon ascension and parachute drop by Prof. Hagat.

Harrison Haskins, well known in this county, was thrown from a horse and dragged to death at Bridgeport, Baker county, one day last week. Haskins had been engaged breaking horses, and while following that occupation he met his death.

R. R. Macd, father of ex County Clerk Macd, died suddenly near his home on Long creek about a week ago. Mr. Macd was well and favorably known here, having been a resident of Grant county for many years. The cause of death was attributed to heart failure.

Grant county is entitled to two free scholarships in the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, and some young lady or gentleman should avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain good schooling without the usual cash outlay. Apply to our joint board of representative.

Seawall arrived with freight last Friday, having been twenty-seven days making the round trip to Heppner. He was delayed by heavy rains soon after starting, and to add to this, one of his horses got his legs entangled with a log while huddled, and perished. Mr. Seawall brought new freight for our merchants.

Fox valley mines are again in litigation, some of the interested parties being called to the county seat this week. These mines are undoubtedly good property, but disputes about the title will necessarily retard development work, and place them in a position for a time, where no benefit will accrue to the county by their operation.

From the Heppner stage driver we learn of a serious conflagration, which occurred in the town of Long Creek on Wednesday afternoon of last week, resulting in the total loss of the Hardy hotel. The fire was thought to have been of incendiary origin. Long Creek citizens worked hard, and succeeded in saving the town from destruction.

Bright prospects are attending the State Normal School. It has a large attendance—220—representing all sections of the state, besides Washington, Idaho and California. The attendance is expected to reach 350 next year, as this school is destined to take rank with the foremost educational institutions of the country, and of which the people of Oregon should feel proud.

A prospector named Reed has been in this vicinity a few days, and left Monday to look over the field on Middle Fork. Mr. Reed has been all over the coast and Alaska, and has a number of good claims lying around. Having followed prospecting all his life, however, he cannot content himself any other way than by investigating the geological formation of our wild western mountains.

The sheriff's sale last Saturday was postponed one week for want of bidders.

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

Boys of the hose team are becoming quite proficient, and the city should feel proud of them.

Doe Barber and family are now residents of Salem, having traded their teams for city property.

The Sumpter railroad is completed nineteen miles from Baker City, and traffic in sawlogs has begun.

On to the Red Front Billiard Hall for a cool, refreshing drink of the finest lager beer in Eastern Oregon.

Attorneys Parrish & Conzel, and their families, returned home Tuesday from their Bear valley ranches, where they have been rustication.

Judge Sels who has been sojourning at the warm springs a couple of weeks, has returned, much improved in health, his friends are pleased to note.

The firm of whom Dore & Beaudet purchased their mill, refuse to make up the loss to them occasioned by their defective water wheel breaking.

It is probable that a small smelter will be erected at the galena mines on Middle Fork, as we are informed negotiations for securing one are now in progress.

Oregon is now furnishing sheep for the Black Hills country. The other day 145 carloads left Pendleton for Mandan, Dakota, where they will be put on the range.

The Union Pacific System have on sale excursion and single trip tickets of all classes, to all points, which are sold at reduced rates daily for regular travelers.

Mr. Vernon's baseball team has sent our boys a challenge to play a match game at Mt. Vernon, and Canyon City's team has accepted it, and will play on Sunday, August 10th, the weather permitting.

Anton Kehler, whose leather is working at Miss Mueller's Beach creek ranch, arrived Sunday from Missouri. Young men of muscle are needed in Grant county, and our people welcome them.

John Powers and Ernest Stansell came near blowing up the steam plowing mill a few days ago, by reason of having no water in the boiler. Happily they discovered the condition of affairs just in time.

Mr. Fisher, a practical brewer, arrived from Columbus, Ohio, Sunday evening, and will take charge of the brewing department of the Canyon City Brewery, elevating this popular manufacturing establishment to the front rank.

Grant county for Grant county will convene, the fall term, on Monday, the 9th of November. It is rather early yet to guess the length of the docket, but Grant county generally furnishes as voluminous a docket as any of her neighbors.

Think of the advantages to be derived from a county fair. Grant county surely has enterprise enough, and pride enough now, to do something in this line if some person who is a good talker, and with lots of time, would talk it over with our people.

The fame of all Eastern Oregon as a fruit country is going abroad, and many years people will be gathering the choicest fruits from way upon the mountain sides of Grant county. A little water for irrigating is all that is necessary to insure their growth.

It is announced that Dr. Ashford, of Burns, has purchased Dr. Orr's practice here and will soon take up his residence among us. However much we regret to lose Dr. Orr, we will be pleased to have Dr. Ashford as his successor, and welcome him and his family as residents of Canyon City.

County Clerk Shearer offers superior inducements to each customer purchasing marriage licenses from him, but there are no buyers. This state of affairs has been defined as an indication of good times, because the young people do not have to enter into a partnership to save expenses of living.

The John Day river, so serene and placid up to this way, is to have a real steam yacht plowing its turbid bosom down near its confluence with the Columbia. This will be the first steam boat ever launched on the John Day.

Mr. Clarno, the owner, intends using the yacht solely as a pleasure boat, in which to glide over the fine stretch of smooth, deep water.

We learn from an exchange that in Ematilla county they have placed signs on important grades warning stock drivers to keep their herds off the grade and when the warning is not heeded they impose a fine, unless the damage done to the road is repaired within twenty-four hours. The law could very well be enforced in Grant county, much to the benefit of our numerous mountain grades.

Our electric lights will flash out upon the midnight darkness and become gems of beauty if the citizens show enough enterprise in encouraging the establishment of this system of lighting. Correspondence is being had with electricians, and a complete system of incandescent lights may be secured at a nominal cost. When we figure the price of kerosene, and the light on same, together with the leakage, the citizens of this town could save considerable cash in the course of a year by lighting their place of business, and residences with electricity.

The second crop of alfalfa is already looming up. So much for our county's worthy soil.

Horses are reported to be dying in large numbers over in the Haystack country, of distemper.

The hay crop, says the Herald, of Harney valley is about harvested. The crop is not so large as last year but the quality is excellent.

People came all the way from Silver and Bear valleys to attend the show. McGinley's name is a household word in this precinct.

For SALE—A good ranch on Canyon creek; 100 acres. Deeded government land, and good improvements. Enquire at the News office.

Baker City tourists meet with great success in chasing the wild deer and following the trout fly over in the Middle Fork country. They can't get along without Grant county.

Lakeview ladies have organized an athletic club, and have hired a hall and procured a full line of apparatus with which to develop their muscles.

The vagaries of the weather! A few days ago people were perspiring and now they are for firing up the stove. Fifty degrees in temperature within two or three days is pretty good.

Union Pacific System offers unequalled facilities to tourists en route to all points east. Vestibule Sleepers, Dining, Free Cars through to Missouri river and Chicago without change.

A valuable find of lead ore has been made at Cornucopia, Union county, by W. S. Wilson. The ore is a fine quality of sulphide of lead. The metal has been greatly needed to reduce the gold and silver ores of the camp there.

Two Shoshone bucks, Spruce Aleck and Laughing Charlie, fought a bloody duel at the Indian camp near Wells, Nevada. The trouble arose about a squaw. The bucks were hobbled together and fought with knives. Aleck will die.

The premium list for the state fair is out and makes a good showing. The fair this year promises to be a good one. The speed program particularly is well filled out, and faster time than ever will probably be made. Oregon can support a state fair well, and should do it.

Francis Tibbels, took his departure last week for Toronto, Canada. There he will join a football team which will make a tour of England and Scotland returning late in the fall. Mr. Tibbels will have a glorious trip, with all expenses paid from Prairie City and return.

It takes lots of time and correspondence with government officials to secure a new mail route in Eastern Oregon, as will attest the people of Canyon City, who have been laboring for the line from here to Stewart. We did not after all, secure a through mail, but then out to Lee is pretty good, and will accommodate the people pretty well.

We are informed that David Schultz, who formerly frequented this city and Canyon, recently sold his property in the Pine Creek mining district for \$500,000. This will be good news to many of the old friends of Schultz, who knew him long years ago when he was worth nothing, although apparently industrious and honest—Mountaineer.

The management of the state fair are determined to make this a most successful meeting. Just now they have offered a prize of \$200 to agricultural organizations in Oregon, for display of grains, \$75, for grasses \$75, for fruits \$75, and vegetables \$75. This should encourage exhibitors in this direction, for the offers are unusually liberal. Get in and exhibit and take a pride in your state.

Burns Herald. We learn through Mr. P. Cheney, who came in after Dr. Ashford that a difficulty occurred on Silver creek yesterday, between George Williams and Gus Haultier, in which the former received 11 stitches given by Haultier with a small sharp pointed file. The character of the stroke could not be definitely determined until examined by the doctor who has not yet returned.

While Congressman Jerry Simpson has been toiling on the alliance stump in Georgia, his wife has been cooking for a gang of threshers, who have been cleaning up a 600-acre lot of wheat owned by him near Medicine Lodge, Kans. If Mrs. Jerry knows when she is well off she will go to Washington, too, and get some good out of the \$5,000 a year that her husband will find no difficulty in spending.

Bob and Eva, reinforced by the Hogg family, James Ryan and Ella Higgins—seven in all—gave our people an entertainment Tuesday evening. Masonic Hall was filled to overflowing, standing room being hardly obtainable, and as usual when the McGinley troupe plays, the people all went home well satisfied with the way their money went. The entertainment was first-class in every respect, and was universally appreciated. It is needless here to speak of Bob's violin extras and Jas. Ryan's cornet solos, for we could not give them justice. Only hear them once. The ladies are trained actresses, and little Dick Hogue is a singer from away back.



Blow ye the Trumpet, blow,
The gladly, solemn sound.
Let all the people know;
Tell Grant county's remotest bounds.

That We are going to have a mail route to the great South Fork country. Our prayers have been heard and our fondest hopes are about to be realized, therefore the people of Canyon City are all rejoicing that the country southwest of us has been brought from darkness into light, and that our friend Mr. Wannamaker will extend to them mail facilities. See advertisement calling for bids, in another column.

Letter List.

Letters remaining unclaimed for in the postoffice at Prairie City, Or., Aug. 1, 1891.

Mr. B. C. Phetplace, John McCartney.

Persons calling for any of above letters will please give date of advertising.

RICK R. McHALEY, P. M.

Wheat, Wheat.

We want 5,000 bushels of wheat at the Prairie City Roller Mill by Sept. 1st, for which the highest cash price will be paid.

Porter Bros.

Want a wheel?

The News knows of a 20-inch Lefthand wheel for sale, been used but little. Price \$125.00, each. Address this office.

The Prairie City Roller Mill will be ready to receive wheat by Sept. 1st.

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

There will be \$15,000 distributed among the competitors at the Oregon state fair this year.

For extras for Empire Mowers, Reapers and Binders, enquire of Hines & Mason, Canyon City, Or.

Flour, Graham, Barley, (other ground or whole) Chicken feed, Bye, Middlings, Bran, Shorts, &c., &c., at Gundlach's.

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.

Any one wishing Buckeye mowers, or Extras for same, can obtain them by applying to Hines & Mason, Canyon City. Give your orders at once as freight comes slow.

There is some complaint of the depredations of jack rabbits in Josephine county this season. The animals eat the tender vegetables and gnaw the young trees.

Minor Brothers, dealers in general merchandise, Main street, Heppner, Oregon. Special discounts to cash buyers. Goods at Dallas prices. Orders by mail promptly filled.

W. H. Kelly has just received a stock of extra fine Wall Paper, and is prepared to do his painting and papering cheaper than any one. Work outside of town solicited. Give him a call.

It is said that the Chinese have the art of extracting teeth down to a fine point. The dentists have a sort of powder which they rub on the gum around the tooth to be taken out, which loosens it so that by tugging the nose of the patient he will sneeze, and out flies the tooth.

When you send away for goods remember the firm of Collins & 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.

A letter from Juneau, Alaska, has been received in Washington in eleven days from the time of mailing. Fifty years ago an American statesman announced that the Oregon country was not worth quarreling about, because even if Oregon should ever have inhabitants enough to be admitted as a state it would take so long for its representatives to reach Washington after their election that their terms would expire before they could get there. And now even Alaska is heard from in eleven days.

California's new taxation law provides for the payment of taxes on the installment plan. One-half of the present year's assessment is due and payable on Oct. 5th, 1891, and if not paid before November 30th following 15 per cent is added and the taxpayers given till Jan. 4th 1892 to pay the balance, with 5 per cent, added if not paid before the following April 25th. This will give financiers a chance to do some finer figuring than they have ever yet been able to do in this section. The law will not be popular with tax collectors, as it doubles the labor of keeping account and writing tax receipts.

IZEE IDEAS.

IZEE, Or., Aug. 2, 1891.

Ed. News: I see by the Sentinel that steps have been taken to get a mail route established from John Day to Stewart via John Luce's and this shut off Canyon City. Let me say right here, that that don't suit us at all. What we want is mail communication with Canyon City, the county seat.

C. H. Timms was assessing through this neighborhood last week. He also carried one of the eds of the Sentinel around with him, for company we suppose, but they were also circulating a petition to have all but one of the stages coming through John Day stop there, and not at Canyon City. They asked your correspondent to sign it, but—he couldn't see it that way. We don't think they did much here, as the South Fork people believe it is a plan concocted solely to injure Canyon City.

Now if the eds of the Sentinel will just wait till they have been in Grant county long enough to pay a few taxes before they blow their bazoo into so loud, we think it would look just as well. Mr. Boyd may be a very nice man but then he will never make any friends in Rose Bud working on the track he is now on.

An era of prosperity is dawning in this section of our county, and the burden of debt which has harassed some of us will soon be thrown off—just as soon as some of our fat stock is marketed.

Mr. W. A. May has just returned from Webfoot and brought a big load of cattle with him. He says he is going to stock his ranch entirely with Webfoot cattle.

We learn some wise men from John Day surveyed a mail line and established a postoffice away up in the timber at the end of Magill's wood road.

Mr. D. Magill has returned from the Dalles with a load of doors, windows, moldings, etc., for his new house. He will begin building immediately.

Mr. Sommerville bought a Derick Fork. We see he stacked two small stacks with it, but returned to the old style for stacking the bulk of his crop.

Hurry up that mail route, so that we can get our News on time, and blessings will shower upon your head.

Haying is well advanced in this section and the crop will be sufficient for all the stock now here.

Mr. Jas. Wickiser has been very sick, but is now improving very rapidly.

Measles are said to be again prevalent in this neighborhood.

STICK EARS.

Marshall Pass.

Originality consists in doing a common thing in an uncommon way, for example, there are plenty of newspapers in the world, but only one Great Divide. The August number of this truly original journal fully sustains its character. A brilliant feature of this number is the art supplement in seven different colors, showing Marshall Pass, the Rocky Mountains, and widest of the article descriptive of the pass of the park that The Great Divide artist spent three weeks in camp on the spot, making sketches, taking photographs and painting studies, from which this magnificent picture of the scene, as it actually exists, was made. In and of itself the art supplement is worth a whole year's subscription to the journal whose enterprise has produced it. The literary features of this number are up to its high standard, the illustrations are copious and exceedingly handsome. The picture of the snow tunnel near Ouray, Colorado, is the first ever made, and graphically illustrates a wonderful formation, namely a tunnel existing in midsummer in the snow, through which four-horse coaches are driven, on the much traveled Silverton and Ouray toll road. It is needless to enumerate the many good things in science, art and literature to be found in the August number of The Great Divide. This art number will be sent on application to the publishers at Denver, Colorado, on receipt of only ten cents.

Confirmed.

The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers the Cal. Fig Syrup Company.

Examination of Teachers.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the public schools of this county, the county superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at Canyon City, on Wednesday, August 12, 1891, at one o'clock p. m. Also will be prepared to accommodate all teachers wishing State Certificates, State Diplomas, and State Life Diplomas.

M. N. BONDHAM,

County School Supd.

Long Creek, Or., July 25, 1891.

TEMPORARY MAIL SERVICE.

STATE OF OREGON.

Sealed proposals for carrying the United States Mails from Canyon City via Homer to Izee, 35 miles, once a week each way, by a schedule of 11 hours running time each way, from October 1st, 1891, until June 30th, 1892, will be received by the Postmaster at Canyon City from 9 o'clock a. m. on August 6th until 8 o'clock p. m. on August 15th, 1891. In all cases the rate per annum to be stated in proposal.

A contract with sureties is required to be executed by the accepted bidder, and persons bidding must be honest and capable and not less than twenty-one years old.

Postmasters and assistants cannot bid for such service.

"Any person or persons bidding for the transportation of the mails upon any route which may be advertised to be let, and receiving an award of the contract for such service, who shall wrongfully refuse or fail to enter into contract with the Postmaster General in due form to perform the service described in his or their bid or proposal, or having entered into such contract shall wrongfully refuse or fail to perform such service, shall, for any such failure or refusal, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for not more than twelve months. And the failure or refusal of any such person or persons to enter into such contract in due form, or having entered into such contract, the failure or refusal to perform such service, shall be prima facie evidence in all actions or proceedings arising under this section that such failure or refusal was wrongful." (R. S., 3941, as amended by act August 11, 1876, 19 Stat., p. 129.)

JOHN WANNAMAKER,

Postmaster General.

Teachers' Institute.

The Grant county Teachers' Annual Institute will be held in Canyon City, August 10, 11, and 12, 1891.

Teachers please read Clause 23, Section 25 of Oregon School Laws and govern themselves accordingly; also be prepared to take part in the discussion on all subjects.

All friends of education are earnestly requested to be present.

M. N. BONDHAM,

County School Supd.

Long Creek, Or., July 25, 1891.

Before purchasing railroad and steamship tickets, consult agents Union Pacific System.

ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, head-aches and fevers, and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, its many excellent qualities commend it to all. It is for sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists.

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