

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Oct. 29.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Ask your merchants for Prairie City Roller Flour.

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

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

County court, regular November term, convenes next Monday. Commissioners meet on Wednesday.

Will not thorough and deep cultivation best irrigation? Let our farmers try it and see if they are benefited.

The people of this section of Eastern Oregon can now obtain their flour at home. Home-manufacture from home grown wheat.

The Portland Business College, of which there is no better in the metropolis, has a pupil from this city in the person of Mr. Walton Wilson.

Eggs, the Seattle leaf buyer, sell several thousand dollars in the possession of Grant county stockmen. Yet there's room for thousands more.

John Luce while on a recent trip to Pendleton was made deputy organizer of the farmers' alliance, and will proceed to have that order represented in Grant county.

Pendleton capitalists are interested in Grant county's mines because they see in the near future an opportunity to double their capital, the result of a substantial boom.

Grant court for this county will meet next Monday week. Judge Clifford presiding. As yet the docket is not exceedingly large for this county, but a number of cases were continued from last term.

Hon. C. S. Dustin, Grant and Harney's last representative in the legislature, spent a few days in the city recently on business. He says the new roller flouring mill at Long Creek is in successful operation.

The "have dust" clause of our fish law has been declared unconstitutional from the fact that it was not mentioned in the title to the act. According to a recent decision you can now dump your washout in trout streams. But please don't do it.

Mr. Anderson, of Beach creek, recently sold a couple of beef cattle for \$25 each. This is nowhere near the price that stockmen expect to get, but some of them are selling rather than to run the chances of the loss a hard winter will entail.

Married, at Burns, Harney county, Saturday, Oct. 24, 1891, Miss Clara A. Hyman and Dr. W. L. Marsden. Miss Hyman is a Canyon City young lady, and Dr. Marsden is a physician commanding a good practice at Burns. The News congratulates.

Judge Clifford and our home attorney Parrish and Dustin, departed for Burns last Sunday, to be in attendance at circuit court on Monday. Harney county is limited to a two-week term, when the judge will occupy the judicial chair in this city.

Judge Hazeltine, who returned home from Portland last week, wanted the exposition while absent. Judge Hazeltine believes that Grant county should rent a booth in the exposition building next year, in which to display our grand mineral and horticultural products.

The last issue of the News should have contained the announcement of the marriage of Henry Ringenier and Millie Lee Bret, also A. C. Elbert and Martha E. Ward, which happy events occurred at the City Hotel in this city on the 15th inst. Circuit Judge M. D. Clifford tying the double knot.

Attorney C. A. Johns, of Baker City, passed through town last week on his way to Burns, where he goes in the capacity of deputy prosecuting attorney to be in attendance at court there. Mr. Johns is also spoken of as the future mayor of Baker City, and it would be a glad surprise if his friends should elect him to that honor. Able office he returns.

Peter Clemens, it is reported, is the locator of a rich quartz lode just above the place where the gold has been found on Trout creek. From parties who have visited the new discovery we learn that the gold found in the place claims ranges in size from wheat grains to peas, and is rough, indicating very little washing or abrasion. Perhaps it has come from quartz near by.

Columbia Joe and his band of rough-knocking followers have been in the neighboring mountains nearly all fall, but our people see no practical way to prevent them roaming our hills and slaughtering game. These Indians play the game pretty well, as they drive the deer back from the valleys and shoot them away back in the timber where no white man will molest them. But at the rate they are going they must call a halt soon for want of deer to operate on.

We were in hopes that our recent trip to Judge Selk's ranch in Bear valley would furnish a column or so of news, but the editor of this thriving journal came home without the aforesaid column, or so. In company with Mr. Selk, Mr. Haptonstall, Mr. Benz and Lawyer Cotard, a few days at the farm were spent most pleasantly, but the only excitement was when Mr. Cotard shot and instantly killed Francis Keith's tame polecat. However, there was some rejoicing at that event.

Services at the M. E. church Sunday evening at 7:30. Let all come.

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

Several of this city's young people attended a social hop at Mt. Vernon last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Geddes, the school teachers of Prairie City, paid our city a visit last Saturday.

At last the machinery of the John Day flouring mill is shipped, and is expected to arrive soon.

Prairie City is assured of securing the Eastern Oregon district fair next year, and thus Grant county will be honored.

County Judge Hazeltine has appointed Ralph Fisk administrator of the estate of John Seignin, deceased.

Frank Wilson, of Baker City, was over with a load of sewing machines lately, trying to sell without the aid of printer's ink.

Jack Stephens has leased the Blue hat building adjoining his shop and will have a new floor put in and fit the same up for a dancing hall.

I. Jewett, proprietor of the Burns-Canyon stage line, informs us that he contemplates changing his route in such a way as to enable him to convey passengers to the Trout creek mines.

It is said of Harney county young ladies that they retire from company to change their minds. But the newspapers of that county do not blush to tell the naked truth, we are pleased to announce.

Guiney and Southworth, we are informed, were the purchasers of the Hog flat ranch and under execution last Saturday. As the tract is valued chiefly for its timber a sawmill will probably be erected thereon.

The treasury of the state of Oregon like that of Grant county is empty. Treasurer Metchan is endorsing warrants now as fast as presented. The state will pay interest on these warrants until late in the spring.

Dr. J. H. Fell has associated himself with Dr. Ashford of this city in the practice of medicine and surgery. Dr. Fell will remain at John Day, and the new firm will also occupy an office at Prairie City on certain dates, the News is informed.

The "Denver of Oregon" got left a few mornings ago when the train on the N. V. R. R. did not proceed to McEwen because there was not a load of passengers and freight. That is not the way railroads act, which lead out from a regular Denver.

Part of the steel bolts for Grant county's voters to cast their "Australian ballots" in, have arrived. There will be 70 in all, as the law says there shall be one for at least every 10 voters. The Australian system comes high, but we must keep up with the procession.

Jack Vinson, an experienced miner, returned Tuesday from the newly discovered Trout creek mines. He reports a few good claims in narrow gulches, and little or no water. The country is of porphyry formation, and the banks of gold dust have been greatly exaggerated.

Gus Caspary, formerly of Shoofly, who fell sick and was pushed by his creditors, turned all his property over to an assignee to prevent its being sold under execution, and in hopes of coming out ahead financially after all debts are paid. Mr. Caspary is going over to the Trout creek mines to view the situation.

In another column will be found the description of the Gundlach farm, which is being offered for sale on very reasonable terms. It is the best improved place in this part of the country and it has proved itself the best grain ranch in the valley this year, and at the price it is offered one good wheat crop would pay for it at present prices.

W. F. Ditcher, the Baker City attorney, has been in Portland, and gave the Oregonian reporter some "pointers." Speaking of the political outlook in Eastern Oregon Mr. Ditcher gave it as his opinion that Senator J. H. Riley would get the democratic nomination for congress in the second congressional district, and that either R. S. Anderson, of Baker City, or W. R. Ellis, of Heppner, would be his opponent.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Eastern Oregon District association held in this city last Monday it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Prairie City, Grant county, at some time next fall to be decided on by the Grant County Agricultural and Stock Society. John McDonald was elected president, J. J. Cozart, of Grant county, vice president, J. L. Ross, (appointed a member by the county court of Walla Walla county), and E. S. McComas was elected secretary.—La Grande Chronicle.

Some time in the future when a railroad accepts the Canyon creek pass and crosses the divide into Bear valley there will spring up a megal city in the glades where now the fluttering leaves and wealth of verdure are raising themselves in bright hues that gently whisper of the approach of autumn and give early warning of winter's coming. Nowhere are such scenic effects, in all their Alpine grandeur, to be found by those who seek to commune with nature in all her wondrous loveliness.

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IZEE IDEAS.

IZEE, Or., Oct. 26, 1891.

J. J. Angell and Mr. Jordan, the latter from the Silver Wells country, are ranching for W. D. Officer.

Roswell Delore, from lower Beaver creek, is twirling the riatta and raking mustangs in this section at present.

Mr. S. Lewis, one of our prominent ranchers and carpenters contemplates removing to The Dalles soon, where he hopes to find employment at his trade.

Gathering beef is now the main business in this section, and the vaqueros and the would-be vaqueros are happy as well as everybody who have cattle to sell.

Mr. W. A. May has just returned from Portland and the Willamette valley where he has been on business, bringing with him his supplies for the coming year.

Mr. Frank Percy, who has been in Washington running a livery stable this summer, is back rustling on his ranch. He had the misfortune to be burned out.

We learn that a couple of our ordinary vaqueros had a scrap while down in the Murder's creek country, the result of a horse race—both came out second best.

Our old friend, Noble Lewis, has purchased a cart and harness. Too many of the good things and pleasures of life have evidently had a debilitating effect upon him.

The Baldwin Sheep & Land Co., who have had some 10,000 sheep in the edge of this and Harney county, have just turned their heads homeward—and God speed them, is our prayer.

We are informed that Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Bohman are thinking of moving to Spokane, Washington, in the near future, where Mr. B. expects to be able to work at his trade to a better advantage.

Harvey Sommerville and crew have returned from the Beaver creek range where they have been riding in the interest of the stockmen of this section. They brought quite a drove of cattle home with them.

Mr. James Harrison is getting out timber and having a lot of shingles made preparatory to building some large sheds to shelter his sheep from the winter storms. Mr. Harrison is breeding and raising some as fine sheep as there are in Oregon.

The Coleman boys, of Beaver creek, have been matching their race horse, Bart, which they bought of Volney Officer, against the cracks of that neck of the woods, and have been winning regular. They don't raise 'em on Beaver creek that can beat him.

Mr. John Hyde, who started out in search of a beef buyer some time ago has returned home and reports having sold all the beef on the South Fork, Fry & Broome, of Ellensburg, Washington, being the buyers at 21 cents per pound delivered at Pendleton.

Since the advent of our first stage Ives has assumed quite metropolitan airs. We are expecting the next move to be incorporation and the establishing of a newspaper, after which we expect to compete with John Day and Long Creek for the county seat.

Volney Officer had the good luck to get his rope on to a big buck deer one day last week, and managed to get it tied to a juniper; but while he was gone after help to bring it in alive it wound itself up and broke its neck. Volney also got his rope on to a bear not long since, but in the scrimmage the animal got away.

Grant county has the fastest horses, the best and fattest cattle, the finest sheep, with the largest wool clip, the biggest grain yield to the acre, the most hardy and finest flavored fruit, and the largest vegetables.

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

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 schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at John Day, commencing at one o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1891.

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

The burnt district of The Dalles is being built up pretty rapidly. About 30 buildings are in course of construction.

As it has been currently reported that D. B. Rinehart had sold his entire fruit crop to a Tacoma fruit company, Mr. Rinehart requests us to state that said report is without any foundation whatever, and that he still has on hand about 4000 bushels of choice winter apples for sale.

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PRAIRIE CITY CLIPPINGS.

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Special Correspondence to News: Mrs. Galbraith is improving.

Judge Clifford was in town one day last week.

F. M. Judd, a jeweler of Fossil, has taken his departure.

Mr. Dodson is welding the birch at the Meador district.

Miss Hattie Mack has returned home. We are glad to have her with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have been visiting friends and relatives here for a few days.

Lawyer Johns, of Baker City, passed through Prairie one day last week en route for Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin, of Middle Fork, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter.

Roy Chittenden and Willie Anderson are now noted as being among the large boys attending our school.

Quite a number of our citizens attended the funeral services of Mr. Luce. Thus again Father Time takes his own.

Miss Anna Beadle, who has been absent from school a month on account of her mother's illness, has returned to attend school.

A move is on foot in the intermediate grade of the school to purchase a dictionary and state map. Several boys and girls have papers and raised a very nice sum by subscription at one subscription. This is a move in an advance.

Her Reserver.

Ducks for Sale.

I have a choice lot of both thoroughbred and Grade Merino ducks for sale at B. C. Trowbridge's ranch. All parties wanting ducks must come at once and get them.

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

The presidential fever in an Eastern insect and is getting to be a pest. It ought to be investigated.

Haguewood & Co. are repairing their hay scales, the timbers of which have been in the earth for 20 years.

A poem in the paper has the caption, "Where the Trout Live." That is easy, they live in the water, and the fishermen let out of it.

Harney county has indications of coal and new some fellows has discovered silver-bearing rock in the vicinity of Steins mountain. East over Oregon is full of valuable minerals.

Roof plates and stone pipes constantly on hand at Frank E. Robinson's. Will set up and add to all work in that line. Lead, zinc and buckets kept on hand, and all kinds of repairing done.

According to official reports to beco is located in Eastern Oregon, being the banner one. In point of average value per acre Oregon stands third among the states.

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Trout Creek Mines.

Excitement regarding the recent discovery of gold in northern Harney county is still at fever heat, with no signs of a speedy abatement.

The story of the party of emigrants who found some yellow metal in a gulch along in the "10's" and carried it away with them, afterwards finding it to be gold, has been revived. This is the old "Blue Bucket" legend, so called because the emigrants, toil stained and weary, declared they could gather a blue bucket full of the yellow metal which they did not know was gold.

After the gold excitement in California many of the party returned to search for the place where this gold was found, but as they had not paid strict attention to the lay of the country, and in the absence of roads, they were unable to find it. On this most important question the Harney Press says: "It is authoritatively stated that the long lost Blue Bucket mine has been discovered in what is known as the Peter Mortimer canyon northeast of Harney City. It appears that an old prospector named White has been tracing the old emigrant trail through Snake river, and found the grave of the woman who died a little over a day's drive from the famous Blue Bucket gold discovery. He has been about six months on the work and since finding the grave has made diligent search this way from it. About ten days ago he put a man on the road to California with orders to change horses and make 100 miles a day. White himself packed his things and started a few days later. The rider told at one of his stopping places, that his boss had panned out two ounces of gold from ten pans and had sent him for friends in California. The parties receiving this information at once hastened to Harney City and began hunting for the discovery. On Saturday morning there was a rush for the Peter Mortimer canyon. Gold was discovered there and it is thought that this is the rich mine noticed by the emigrants and panned on stone-land men on horseback rode a race for the first claims.

The excitement is spreading and wagonloads of eager men are coming into Harney City daily, from distant localities. The wildest rumors are all of great banks of gold dust being found. It is with the greatest care that the news gatherer can separate the true from the false reports. The discoveries are rich enough without any exaggeration.

Gold has been found in paying quantities in three gulches on Trout creek. On the Harney City side rich claims have been located on Soldier creek, Rattlesnake, Coffeepot and Cow creek.

At his home down the river, Saturday, Oct. 24, 1891, Mr. William Luce, aged 63 years.

Mr. Luce had been to Portland all summer receiving medical aid for a sore on one of his legs, which had bothered him from boyhood, and a few days after arriving home was stricken with paralysis, from which he never recovered.

His body was laid to rest in the Canyon City cemetery last Monday day, a short address at the John Day church by Rev. E. Hayes, the absence being under the direction of Hobart Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which under the deceased had long been a faithful member.

The life work of Mr. Luce is well known by his acquaintances, and his noble character needs no laudatory remarks to cause memory to dwell in sweet union with the tender remembrance of those who knew and loved him best. He was one of the pioneers of Oregon, and of Grant county, coming here in 1852. His purse was always open to the needy, and charity and uprightness characterized him among men. The long funeral cortege indicated the esteem in which the departed one had been held during life.

Prairie City School Report.

The following is a monthly report of the Prairie City public school for the month ending Oct. 25, 1891.

Number enrolled in the high school 28, days present 665, days absent 50, tardiness 5, daily average 74. Number enrolled in the intermediate 84, days present 1470, days absent 84, tardiness 7, daily average 79.

Examination papers all show a marked improvement from last month. We are always glad to see patrons take an interest in their school and we earnestly invite you to visit the school. Our motto—"Method is the thing of business and there is no business without order and punctuality."

E. L. GIBBES, Prin.

Ducks, Ducks, Ducks.

I have 200 Ducks for sale. Address TOM MORRIS, Heppner, Oregon.

Graham flour \$5.00 per barrel, barley 1 1/2 cents, rye 2 1/2 cents and potatoes 1 1/2 cents per pound at Gundlach's.

Mr. Granville Clark has fitted up rooms for a hospital in the Horsley building in this city, and is now prepared to receive patients, and furnish them quiet and comfortable apartments. His stock of drugs and medicines is also fresh and complete.

Whales Off North Carolina.

Every year from one to ten whales are caught by the whale fishermen under Cape Lookout, who have their boats, harpoons, tryout apparatus and all other paraphernalia of "whore fishing." A look out is constantly kept, and every now and then the crowd is in a large whale. This animal lives in cold water and it is surprising to find them on our coast so near the Gulf stream, says the Asheville (N. C.) Citizen. We have been informed that there is an unusual Arctic current setting into the light under Lookout and down toward the Flying Pan shoals, and into this basin of cold water the whales are tempted by the peculiar food on which they live, and which they find there abundantly.

A Strike of School-Boys.

The strike of the Scottish school-boys which began in Hawick has spread to Glasgow, Gosan, Greenock, Port Glasgow and other places in the west of Scotland, and also into Ayrshire and about Aberdeen. The boys have formed regular labor-like parades, with banners and songs for "shorter hours." The strike has also spread into England. The other day one hundred malcontents paraded the streets of Barnet demanding "abolition of the cane, less hours in school, less parsing, and no home lessons."

JEFFERSONIAN SIMPLICITY.

Baker City, October 20, 1891.

To the Editors DEMOCRAT:

It seems to me that I was a delegate to the democratic county convention which nominated our present county judge, and one of the strongest arguments used in his favor was that he would be the watchdog of the treasury. Great Scott! Has he been there on watch; if so for our poor selves let's get him to go to sleep.

Call him off.

The expenses of our county for five months amounts to... \$35,922 69

The estimated revenue from taxes for the fiscal year 1891... 34,000 00

Excess of expenditures over the year's receipts (in 5 months) 1,922 69

At this rate where will we be at the end of the year?

No wonder one of the officers was heard to say that he was not there for his health; but for the money there was in it.

A. H. BIGGINS.

N. B.—The above from the Democrat is a sample of what the Baker City newspapers contain nowadays, and indicates that the taxpayers of Baker county had better have an eye on the county finances before they become hopelessly insolvent.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup Company. It acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

Card of Thanks.

To those of our neighbors and friends who extended to us their sympathy and aid during the late illness of Mrs. Powell, occasioned by the accident which befel her on Sept. 10, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Especially do we feel grateful to Mrs. O. Guernsey, Mrs. Geo. Solinger and Mrs. D. G. Overholt, for their kindness, and also to Drs. Orr and Fell for efficient treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. POWELL. Canyon City, Or., Oct. 26, 1891.

A DISASTROUS CHESTNUT.

How a Milwaukee Dude Got a Drib and Lost a Hair.

A very amusing incident, says Peck's Ban, happened a few evenings since, over at the Bijou opera house, and one young man, at least, received a lesson which will not be forgotten in a hurry. The Milwaukee was entertaining a large audience with his new play "The Humbug Wife," and had been so successful, as is his habit at each performance, when the curtain went down on the second act. Several men immediately arose and crowded their way out, the eager expressions upon their faces telling plainly that they were after a drink. Finally, a man, young fellow, with a beautiful face, a few cut curls and a general air of being a young man, began to get noisy, and after looking anxiously at each man who tried to go, at last, in desperation, turned to the audience of spectators at his side and said:

"Mary, if you will kindly excuse me for a few moments, I should like to go to the lobby, as there is a gentleman out there whom I desire to speak with."

Many did not answer, but bowed her away, and the poor young man received his lesson, notwithstanding the fact of several ladies or so commiserating him. Hearty he disappeared through the door when the young lady, who arose and followed him. Alas! if the old book told the truth and said that he made a drink, all might have been well, but that old chestnut about wanting to go to a man was too suspicious for even a young thing like her to swallow, and so she followed him. She was not mistaken, for going out the front door, she hurriedly glanced into the bar room at the right and there he sat for sport pouring into the velvet lining of a glass.

What a goodly lot in her magic optics that would have quivered a look round, who had been soiled and loaded a Grand evening, leaving the young man to grope at her helplessness. For minutes later he entered the theater, and being a trifling near-sighted, marched down the aisle, and even crowded his way to his seat before discovering her absence. Then the black look that came across his features was laughable to behold. First he looked at the vacant seat and surveyed the audience, but all in no purpose, for she was now here to be seen.

Finally a gallery girl mildly hinted that "the girl has gone home to her mother," and then, amid much laughter, the discomfited young man left his house. To make it worse, the young couple were to have been married soon, but now the wedding has been indefinitely postponed.

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FARM FOR SALE.

Containing three sections of land in a body, all well fenced and improved, title U. S. Patent, about 800 acres of this is good plow land the rest good grazing. The improvements consist in part, as follows:

The fences are partly rail, staked and ridged, and partly post, board and wire. Dwelling, first-class 1 1/2 story frame, 7 rooms well built and in good order; wood shed, stone milk house 12x20, one room overhead same size; one smoke house; one barn 27x70, stable on one side and wagon shed on the other, both full length; chicken houses; hog pens and granary room for 6000 bushels, also one sheep shed 140 feet long, which will hold 2000 sheep together with the best dipping arrangement in the county, also range privileges outside for summer and winter; We have grown rye 8 feet tall on an average, and our wheat was awarded the Diploma of Merit at the New Orleans Exposition. The orchard consists of 400 apple, pear plum and prune trees all growing fine and bearing abundantly. By cultivating in part of the land last spring, some of which had not been plowed for years, we raised 4000 bushels of first class grain and 20 tons of hay. There is now fall rye ready to sow, and the wheat land is now being plowed. Good horse and cattle range adjacent to and extending south for 20 to 25 miles. Canyon City, the county seat, with its excellent public school is within one mile, and John Day City with its new roller mills, within two miles. Wheat hardly ever sells for less than a dollar per bushel. This splendid property is now offered together with seed and feed grain enough to seed the place next year and forage for 3000 sheep with safety also fruit and vegetables enough for next season at \$7.00. \$2500 of which must be cash and the rest on time at reasonable interest.

For further particulars, address, T. H. Liebe, Box 229, Portland, Or. or Geo. Gundlach, Canyon City, Or.

Apples, Apples, Five Thousand Bushels, more of less of choice Winter apples, are now ready and offered for sale at Rinehart's Fruit Farm, situated 2 1/2 miles northeast of Canyon City and about half a mile south of the John Day and Prairie City road.

No Coding moth has ever been