

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Dec. 24.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Firemen's ball New-year's eve. Sealskin sax with holes in the elbows are said to be much worn. Pay attention to the notice calling for bids for keeping the county poor.

PRAIRIE CITY ITEMS.

Newsp Notes From Town and Country. December 21, 1891. We are having lots of snow up our way at present. Mrs. J. George is up the valley visiting her relatives.

BILL BEM BROUGHT BACK.

His Well Laid Plans Frustrated and the Borrowed Team Recovered. Some weeks ago a fellow who gave his name as Wm. Bem came into this precinct from Heppner, with a couple of Harney teamsters.

GRANITE ITEMS.

GRANITE, Dec. 19, 1891. G. Thornburg, our genial landlord of the Granite hotel, has gone to Baker for a few days. Weather pleasant and very little snow, not enough for sleighing and yet most too much to make wagoning agreeable.

ESTABLISH MANUFACTORIES.

Grant County is Rich in Raw Material. Why Not Send it to the World Already Finished. From the copy of Hon. G. W. McHaley's speech delivered at Long Creek recently on behalf of the District Fair enterprise we take the following extracts, and the thoughts advanced therein should be well considered by every resident of Grant county.

strong arm out into this part of the country that we will greet them with a hearty welcome by loading them in return with our unsurpassed agricultural products of all kinds, and steak as well.

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.

The total assessed valuation of California is \$1,666,295,294.

A CALIFORNIA man has started into the business of raising half-breed buffaloes. I. E. BROOMMAN, of Cat Canyon, Cal., has a perfume farm containing over 4,000 lavender plants. CALIFORNIA now has six ostrich farms. This country spends about \$5,000,000 a year for ostrich feathers.



WIFE TO JAIL.

This story or a similar one was told at every stopping place on the road, and as arrangements were made at these places for feeding the team on the return trip no bills were paid.

PRAIRIE CITY CLIPPINGS.

December 22, 1891. Special Correspondence to News: Is all O. K. He is coming—Santa Claus. All the patients on the sick list are recuperating.

Mr. T. N. Giroux has been visiting in the country. J. W. Mack spent Saturday and Sunday at the capital of the county on business. W. R. Fisk, the ruler of Prairie City, paid Canyon City a business visit Monday.

Christmas song service at the M. E. church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. Let all good hearts bring offerings. Thomas Howell, a young man of promise, who lives in Idaho, has returned to our quiet city. Glad to have you with us again.

Dis. Ashford and Fell paid our burga-visit last Saturday on business. The Dis. are rustlers and are bound to succeed. Her Brevities. After the Administrators.

At last it seems there is to be some light thrown upon the matter in which the estate of John McCann, who died several years ago in Union county has been administered upon. At the time of McCann's death his estate was appraised at \$15,000.

The county court for Union county appointed as administrators of said estate, W. H. Hoffmann and John A. Tucker for the personal property of the deceased, and Willis Skiff for the partnership property of McCann and Skiff. Since that time it is said no accounting has been rendered by the administrators, Willis Skiff having mysteriously disappeared in the spring of 1885, the particulars of which are familiar to us all.

McCann died testate and as far as is known without having any relative, and his estate in consequence reverts to the state. Accordingly Gov. Pennington has appointed Glenn O. Holman, the well known attorney, as special attorney of the state, together with District Attorney Hyde, to inquire into the matter. In consequence an action has been commenced in the county court of Union county against the administrators and the case will be heard at the January term.—Spout.

Prairie City School Report. The following is a monthly report of the Prairie City public school for the month ending Dec. 15, 1891. Number of pupils enrolled in high school 42, days present 693, days absent 82, times tardy 25, daily average 96. Number enrolled in intermediate 58, days present 898, days absent 98, times tardy 19, daily average 90.

Satisfactory work is being done in both grades, and attendance is very regular. Motto for the month. "You may as well be a man as a woman." "Be kind to each other." "Be kind to your mother and father." "Be kind to your neighbors." "Be kind to your schoolmates." "Be kind to your teachers." "Be kind to your country." "Be kind to your world."

E. J. Grimes, Prin. The Monumental. Mr. Isaac Klopp, the well known Granite hotel owner, is visiting the city, says the Baker Democrat. Mr. Klopp informs a Democrat reporter that the stamps of the Monumental mill commenced dropping last Thursday and is supplied with several hundred tons of ore from the Monumental and Buffalo mines of Granite, and the Morris mine at Greenhorn. Mr. Klopp further says that Mr. Miller, manager of the mill is supplied with everything necessary for the successful operations of the mill and feels confident of continuing operations for an indefinite time without serious hindrances or delays.

One of the three Chinese pheasants, owned in this city, escaped a few days ago and went out to battle with the snow-clad world alone. All efforts to capture the pretty fowl were futile. We are pleased to state that the NEWS was informed regarding the snow in Harney valley sometime ago. Burns exchanges reported six inches, instead of twelve, as was told to us.

To the 100 miners wintering on Greenhorn mountain, the NEWS sends the usual holiday greetings. Greenhorn will furnish the holiday to many, many shining \$'s and \$'s through their efforts. Wicked people stand in slippery places, says the Prophet. It is only the good people who slip on the icy sidewalk and fall while the wicked stand up like a tall fir tree planted by the rivers of water.

The Daily Oregonian has been sued for libel by Jas. Mansfield, of Baker City, who claims he is damaged in the sum of \$25,000 because in a certain article the Oregonian spoke of him as a "French restaurant keeper and gambler". Judge Clifford returned home from Baker City Tuesday evening, and will remain here until some time in January. A lengthy discket was disposed of in Baker county, and several recriminations were sent down to the big work-shop at Salem.

During a blinding snowstorm on the mountain last Sabbath the Monumental stevedriver lost his way, and wandered about for a few hours before finding the road. Even then he was compelled to come in at dusk, and hunted his way on the next day.

A few days ago, near Eugene, a young man named Davis, while at the residence of Mrs. Cook, tried the hammer of his gun to see if it worked. The physicians who amputated Mrs. Cook's leg think they may have their patient. The gun worked all right. It always does under such circumstances.

Old timers of many years standing have been paid this year by farmers who have been kept poor, but are honest. A small bunch of cattle, and perhaps some wheat, have helped wonderfully. Our flouring mills, which the NEWS told the people were unnecessary, are worth thousands of dollars to our little valley, and next year their flour-bags will be seen more than at the present time.

Philosophy is a great thing in this world, and smooths the pathway of mankind very often. Those who are not philosophers, however, are often forced by circumstances to conduct themselves philosophically. Poor Ming How, who could not talk philosophy from corn starch, sits quietly in his cell and ponders. As Boston men would say, "he reserves his incarceration philosophically."

However greatly we may desire communications, this family journal draws the line at political and personal articles. First, a newspaper's columns is not the proper place for controversies that concern only one or two. Several other good reasons could be given. We have received a number of such effusions lately, but while a public hall can be rented for a small sum we would respectfully say, "shut a hall."

The News man paid a visit to the John Day flouring mill a few days ago, in company with Assistant Postmaster Parrish. Mr. Moss and Mr. McCally took special pains to entertain their visitors, and cheerfully showed us "through the mill." The machinery is first-class, and the mill, which is running night and day, turns out 50 barrels of excellent flour daily, and is unable to supply the demand in this immediate neighborhood. Besides flour, they furnish Graham, corn meal, farina and cheap barley. Everybody now sees the good our two flouring mills are doing for this valley, and in the NEWS' illustrated edition we will say more about these enterprises.

Silk handkerchiefs at 75 cents and \$1 at Sole Bros, Canyon City, Or.

Finest steel skates \$1.00 per pair at Basch & Co's, Baker City, postage prepaid.

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

The greatest place of amusement to be found by the young people will be the Pythian hall at John Day Friday night.

All persons indebted to H. Stansell, Canyon City, Oregon, will call and settle their accounts before January 1, 1892.

Mr. E. S. Penfield, agent of the Norwich Union Insurance Co, gave his neighbors each a pretty and useful calendar.

The state board of equalization now in session at Salem, finds an increase of \$12,000,000 over the assessment of last year.

Julius Dackheimer, of Burns, who has been to Baker City on court business, passed our town on his way home some days ago.

The only Christmas present we can give to our patrons is to send them the best paper on God's footstool, and wish them all a merry Christmas.

Remember the Christmas tree at the M. E. church this evening. Take your presents there early, so that the committee can have plenty of time to decorate the tree.

The New Hotel was not opened last Sunday, as was expected, but will be opened to the public on Sunday, December 27, 1891, at noon.

Respectfully, M. E. THOMAS.

The postmaster informs us that the Canyon City postoffice will be open on Christmas and New Year's day from 10 to 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. also on Sunday from 10 to 11 a. m.

The Winchester Repeating Arms Co, New Haven, Conn, whose guns and ammunition are the best, favored this thanksgiving with the present of a fine calendar, as has always been their custom.

There are 259,183 Indians in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, this enumeration including bucks, squaws and papooses. The available force for fighting is 50,000, only one-half of whom are warlike.

Vernon Lodge No. 43, K. of P. will give their first Annual Pythian ball on Friday, Christmas night, at their hall in John Day. The best of music will be furnished, grand shooting match during the day. Every body invited to attend.

A fine lithographic bird-eye view of the proposed World's Columbian Exposition buildings and grounds at Chicago grasses one of our large show windows. Patrons would be respectfully invited inside to look at the fine view, only they can see it much better from the outside.

Tuesday night the weather was such as would cause the boldest mariner to hesitate before attempting to weather the chinook gale interspersed with rain and mky blackness. The brave captains of the mail crafts had an awful time picking their way over the hills, and arrived here late.

From the number of sealways and refugees from justice that have left Grant county during the light of two days during the past few months our neighbors are liable to form a bad opinion of the people over in these parts. Organ peddlers, sewing machine agents, preachers, lawyers, horse thieves, etc., etc., etc., etc., from Grant county, have excited the comment of people in other places. In one sense the fact of them having gone is a credit to us as a county, for it shows that they have somewhat of a fear of our courts of justice, and that the good people are crowding them.

Travelers complain of bad roads. This cannot very well be prevented at this season, unless the proper work was done early in the fall. The snow was twelve inches deep at Lakesview last week with the mercury on the down grade, though the weather has moderated considerably since then.

One of the Twin Sisters in the Cascade range of mountains has contracted the smoking habit, and the other day sent up a puff a thousand feet high of other day. A small sized earthquake was also felt over the mountain during the smoking spell.

YANKED HIM OUT.

Bem thought an injustice had been done as he said he was only going up to Huntington to collect some money to pay the bills he left over here and along the road. But instead of proceeding on his journey he accompanied the deputy sheriff on his travels, and arrived here Saturday evening, where he had a preliminary hearing on Monday before Judge Rufison, who promptly fixed bonds at \$300 for his appearance before the next grand jury. Not having an acquaintance with \$300 to spare Mr. Bem buns his grub along with Ming How in the county bastle.

Mr. Hall has recovered his team; and paid all the expenses of feeding the same while in the possession of Bem.

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