

# THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Jan. 14.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Want some fine stock? If so, consult "ad" under "New Today."

Born at Dayville, Jan. 8, 1892, to the wife of J. Campbell Martin, a boy.

County Clerk Shearer has issued a marriage license to Mrs. Ella Welch, of Long Creek, and Mr. John Hughes.

O. W. Ho, a Umatilla brave, collided with a Union Pacific locomotive near Pendleton, with the usual result.

Frank Carver, the murderer sentenced to hang in Union county on Jan. 21st, has been granted a stay of execution.

Times are exceedingly hard just now, but people find no difficulty in borrowing trouble. Just the same, ideas and small bills are hard to collect.

Kenneth MacLag, Wm. Farry and Fred Gunion represented the Dayville country in the city this week, and gave an account of some winter weather in their section.

In this case Mr. Harney Shan announces himself a candidate for sheriff. This is the proper way to let the people know that you desire their support in the convention—and it doesn't cost much either.

We expect considerable stir in the Harney county place next season, as well as those of our own county. Since nature has placed the precious metal at our disposal we'd as well dig it out.

Now that the holidays are past, the next exciting thing on the program is the county election. Campaigning, tongue lashing candidates and the election of state and federal officers is going to make 1892 a lively year.

People who contemplate using ice next summer get scared at the balmy weather and cut such snows from the mountain reservoir above Marysville. Then the weather turned colder and froze the ice solid, making a very good quality.

We understand an effort will be made to incorporate a company to hold the district fair at Prairie City, and annual fairs thereafter. Owing to the scarcity of cash every other plan seems to be a failure. Ify incorporating, it can be made a success.

The editor of this excellent paper received as a present for the new year a box of dried persimmons, also walnuts, hickorynuts and pecans, fresh from the forests adjoining the "old Homestead" in the gravel old prairie state lack of the broad Mississippi.

The latest fad is a shoe party. They stretch a sheet across the room and the ladies stand behind it and stick their feet under it so that you can only see their shoes. Then you go along and pick out a pair of shoes, and the lady who is in them you take down to supper.

Standard authorities on bears tell us that these varmints hole up during the winter and suck their fat. In this section, standard authorities sometimes lie. Kenneth MacLag's header killed a large bear a few days ago, which circumstance knocks out the holing up theory in this precinct.

The late high winds piled snow up promiscuously below the mountain's brow, and in other places convenient. George Learned was coming to town the other day, and saw a horse high up on Pat Mulcare's haystack. Further progress revealed a snowdrift to the bewilderment, even with the top of the stack, and this explained the phenomenon.

The versatility of the grip is not the least imposing feature of that malady. An Indiana man who had it is now as bald as a pool-hall. His mustache dropped into a dinner-plate one day when he was conversing and then his eyebrows and his hair fell out. Now his own looking-glass would not know him. Apparently the only thing the grip is incapable of doing for a man is to call a doctor and pay his bills.

\$1,000 more, says the Democrat. And the output of the White Swan is fast reaching the \$50,000 mark. Last night Wm. Mulkey came in from the mine with a lot of \$1,000 in gold and deposited the treasure at the Baker City National Bank. It was the result of an eight days run with two batteries of twelve tons capacity. He also had in his pocket a gold specimen weighing \$20, taken from a piece of quartz. Truly, the richness of the White Swan is something marvelous.

A dispatch from London says the bankrupt court has ordered a strict inquiry to be made into the formation and the whole history of the United States Gold Placer Company, which concern failed in a manner most disastrous to numerous persons who had invested in its securities. The company was formed in 1886, for the object, as stated in the prospectus, of acquiring the cotton wood placers, comprising 500 acres of auriferous gravel on the banks of the river San Miguel in Colorado. The prospectus gave out every reason to expect yearly profits of £148,000 on a capital investment of £150,000, divided among 650 holders. It is now alleged that the scheme was, from its inception, a shameful swindle, and it is hoped that the managers have left some loophole open through which the law can reach them, even if it can't reach the money which went into their pockets from those of too credulous investors.

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Jury list for the year 1892 was made.

G. H. Kimberland was appointed stock inspector for the year 1892.

R. C. Trowbridge, John Long and D. B. Rinehart were appointed to assess damages claimed by reason of the proposed Canyon creek road running through the lands of Dave Dietz and Neil Hall.

Proposals for keeping the county poor for the year 1892 were received as follows: M. J. Chambers, \$4.00 per week, each person; E. O. Stansell, \$3.85 per week, each person; Mrs. H. H. Dodson, \$4.95 per week, each person. E. O. Stansell being the lowest bidder the contract was awarded to him.

Reports of numerous road supervisors, were received.

## LAW JOURNAL.

Parrish & Cozad vs. Alex Bowsman, dismissed.

Haptonstall & Dart vs. John Harper, same.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

At the adjourned term of the circuit court held last Tuesday the following proceedings were had:

Allen & Brown vs. Dunlap et al.—motion for leave to file 2nd amended answer denied. Cause referred back to referee and defendants allowed until Feb. 20 to put in their testimony and plaintiffs till March 20 for rebuttal. Referee ordered to report March 20 and decision to be rendered as of last day Nov. 1891.

Parker et al. vs. Horsley—left 40 days to answer and pliffs 60 days to reply and Shearer referee.

Chas. Dustin, assignee Carrey vs. Cresap et al.—dismissed.

Frick vs. Carrey assignee—same as Parker vs. Horsley except E. P. Horsley referee.

Murray Bros assignment—bill of Cresap for officers fees and costs prior to assignment approved and ordered paid.

S. S. Denning contempt—dismissed without prejudice. Court reserves right to prosecute in case delinquent returns.

Born, in this city, to the wife of Chet R. Guernsey, a girl, Sunday, Jan. 10, 1892.

A dramatic entertainment will soon be given in this city, for the benefit of the public school.

Holab Lodge I. O. O. F. and M. E. Stansell are displaying fine street lamps—the best to be found in Chicago.

M. Dustin, who is on a business trip to Burns, was seriously ill a few days, but at last accounts was improving.

The 18 page holiday edition of the East Oregonian is at hand, and is replete with information concerning Eastern Oregon.

The News received a fraternal visit last Friday from Mr. Bert Rosewater, a Long Creek printer, who came over to report the execution.

The New Hotel is permanently established in Canyon City. Give this new enterprise your patronage and be convinced of its excellent qualities.

## M. E. TIMES, Proprietor.

The grand total of real and personal property of the state as shown by the tabulated statement of the state board of equalization, now in the hands of the state printer, is \$210,320,169.

Ed. Sels, who is now a resident of the Flathead Indian country away up in Montana, sent the News a copy of the "Kainpall Graphic," which gives much information about that booming country.

Mr. Harve Summerville, a prosperous South Fork rancher, passed through our city a few days ago on his way to Harburg, Wadsworth, where he will stage the balance of the winter, cheered by the smile of his best honey.

The Keely Institute for the cure of the liquor, opium and tobacco habits, has been removed from Portland to Forest Grove. If you are a victim and desire to be cured of the habit address the secretary at Forest Grove, Washington Co., Or.

A crank who is incarcerated in an insane asylum in Indiana has applied to the courts for his release, on the ground that it is necessary for him to go to New York and fix things up between Jay Gould and God. As dynamite is comparatively cheap in Indiana, it may be just as well for Mr. Gould to have a boiler iron overcoat made in time.

Three highwaymen held up a stage near the Idaho line, not far from Bonanza Ferry recently. They made a rich haul, securing about \$5,000 worth of jewelry from Ed. C. Huntley, representing a Chicago wholesale house. The robbers also obtained about \$100 in cash, says an valued exchange. If this is "Diamond Ed," he should be robbed for wearing so much jewelry while prouting around over a 1-hour stage line.

Died, at the poor house, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1892, M. M. Bradley, a poor, though honest pioneer of Grant county. Mr. Bradley followed the occupation of miner in early days, and during the prosperous times in the camp handled considerable wealth. But such are the vicissitudes of life that of late years sickness came upon him and he had to be cared for at the expense of Grant county, he having no relatives in the country. Mr. Cresap took charge of his remains, and the deceased was given Christian burial on Monday, Rev. E. Hayes conducting the ceremonies.

## ONE DROP TOO MUCH.

Ming How Takes it And is no More—Majesty of the Law Sustained, and

## THE CHINESE SATISFIED.

Last Friday Sheriff Cresap performed the last duty attending the trial and conviction of Ming How, the Chinaman who murdered a fellow countryman last September. Ming was convicted at the November term of circuit court for this county, and sentenced to hang on January 8.

He hung. This was nothing unusual, for three such instances have occurred here within as many years, where murderers have been caught up in the strong arms of the law and hurled down to eternity through a trap door. But Ming How was "only a Chinaman," and whatever commiseration was felt for him since his conviction and sentence was allayed by curiosity—and prejudice against the poor heathen.

His countrymen had all deserted him since the commission of the crime, and his cousin, whom he desired to interview a few days before his execution, refused to see him. Lung On, the interpreter, hated to converse with Ming How, and was accompanied to the scaffold by the sheriff, where he was to catch the last words of the condemned.

Under these circumstances no Chinaman who had faithfully propitiated the "devil," would feel any hesitancy in leaving a world, with the shores of a strange land for a starting place, and a hostile people as an incentive. Therefore Ming How left this world, and took his departure rather suddenly.

The witnesses to the execution were in their places, and at a few minutes to two o'clock in the afternoon appointed Ming How was escorted up the stairs into the enclosure by Sheriff Cresap and Deputy Yorgenson. Nothing in his countenance indicated extraordinary mental anguish, other than the wild and irresolute gleam in his eyes. By direction of the sheriff, Lung On the interpreter asked him in his own language if he had anything to communicate to the world, as this would be his last opportunity. Ming How, his voice trembling with emotion, said:

"This was interpreted by Lung On, who said: 'He says he kill him, but he got nothing to say.' Final preparations were then made for vindicating the law and avenging the murder of Ah Foo. The prisoner's arms were pinioned, a strap buckled around his knees and ankles, and his head black hood placed on his head and drawn down over his face to shut out the light of this world, which he was soon to leave forever. At this, the animal nature weakened, and Deputy Sheriff Yorgenson had to support the poor fellow by the arm as he stood on the fatal trap, until Sheriff Cresap could press the button that did the deed.

Down he shot until the seven feet slack of the rope was all taken, and then, according to a law of science, he stopped.

The sudden stop failed to break his neck, therefore Ming How did not expire instantly, but away like a pendulum twirled the United States and China, in horrible convulsions. The hangman's noose was perfect, however, and in twelve minutes Drs. Ashford and Fell pronounced Ming How a dead Chinaman. His spirit had gone to appear for trial in the courts of him who careth for the sparrows as they fall, and to whom the soul of a heathen Chinese, even, is precious.

Then the body was placed in its casket, and Tom Reynolds buried it just without the walls of the city of the dead, beside the other victims of the law's vengeance.

All the Chinese in the country rejoiced that Ming How was no more, but through their inherited superstition they refused to look upon his dead body. During the preparations for his execution they stood in lurches just outside the court house yard, and viewed the scene from afar, with evident satisfaction mingled with impatience. But no roast pig nor casks of gin and rare viands were placed at his grave to feed his soul on its journey to the flowery kingdom.

Commissioners' court is still in session, with a probability of the same continuing until next week.

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

Save time, temper and rough hands by using our Western Washer. Every machine warranted to give satisfaction. Try them and you will buy them.

## BASCHIE & CO.

## PRAIRIE CITY ITEMS.

Newsy Notes From Town and Country. January 12, 1892.

The weather is changeable. J. H. Blinn and G. T. Meador have gone to Baker City.

Ben Davis and family, who have been sick, are on the mend.

A couple of the boys of Prairie City have landed in the cooler.

A. King is still teaching spelling school at the Winegar school house.

There was a Leap year party Friday night, the supper consisting of two pies.

Mr. Must had the misfortune of having his team run away with himself and two young ladies Friday evening, but no one was hurt.

Low bend the heavy laden trees with wreaths of glittering snow. Our feet step lightly and our cheeks with ruddy frost kiss glow.

## Cow Boy.

INDIAN CREEK ITEMS.

January 9, 1892.

EDITOR GRANT COUNTY NEWS:—

Mr. James Fry is pretty low.

Stock is looking well up here yet.

Sleigh riding is over for the present.

We are having quite a thaw at present.

Hay demands a good price up here since the stormy weather set in.

Mr. R. D. Johnson is confined to the house with a large rising on his back. He is on the gain.

The young folks had a gathering for some kind of an organization at our school house last Monday night.

The ranchers in this section are working away on their ranches to make a big crop next year as though they thought money would be plenty to buy it.

We have some prosperous looking young orchards in this locality and some fine looking rabbits to peel the bark off of the trees if they are not kept away from them.

## DECKEY JACK.

GRANITE ITEMS.

GRANITE, Jan. 9, 1892.

Snow about 18 inches in depth.

The hotel which opened up last week in lower town is being well patronized.

Looney & Skogland have just finished their wood contract at the Monumental.

The Monumental company is making its first cleanup today, which is reported to be very flattering.

Mr. Dave Johnson is in town again, giving free lectures on drilling for the war about to be with Chili.

The first three months of school have closed. This reported that there will be another term of the same period, after a short vacation.

J. Worcester has located a placer claim on Granite creek, and is going to operate the same as soon as the weather will permit.

## DECKEY.

PRAIRIE CITY CLAPPINGS.

January, 12, 1892.

Special Correspondence to News:

How is this weather for you?

Mr. Nelson went to look after his interests in the Middle Fork region last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gunther a fine baby—girl—father and child doing well.

Misses Brodie and Thompson gave their many friends a pleasant call one day last week.

The teachers and pupils are working hard for a grand entertainment in the near future.

Cow Boy wants to flirt with Hub Reporter. We are only a young girl and ma says we mustn't so we will not.

Judge Clifford and Attorney Cozad, of Canyon, paid Prairie City a business trip Saturday, returning the same day.

We notice by passing through town that Messrs. Bates and Cal Johnson were among the jurors at Ming How's hanging.

What has become of Mr. King's whiskers? The "Howling" of pleasant chats has caused them to vanish quickly away.

One of the noblest things a man can do is to swear off and keep sworn off. "He that conquereth himself is greater than he that taketh a city."

## HUB REPORTER.

The faith cure has been completely vindicated in Oregon City: A lady for the past six months regulated the air in her room by a glass transom. When the room was too close, she opened the transom to admit air, closing it at night to prevent draughts and exclude noise. It worked like a charm until she discovered that there had never been any glass in the transom.

## BEM THE BORROWER.

Pleeced Fossil Folks, Who Are Furious—ly Frantic Over Their Fate.

The Fossil Journal of Jan. 1st copied the article from the News which gave an account of Bem's escapade with Hall's team, and then says, on its own account:

"The above story, related by the News presents the second chapter of Bem's borrowing and thieving career in Eastern Oregon. It now remains for us to supply Chapter I, which will probably have more effect towards convicting him than even the charges against him in Grant county.

Bem came to Fossil about six weeks ago from the Prairie Ranch, where he had been working for Wood Gilman. Wood sized him up correctly soon after he commenced work, and summarily discharged him. He quickly incriminated himself into the good graces of the boys by getting into a game and cleaning them out. He stayed around here for a couple of weeks, during which time he kept bar a few days for Elmer Barnard while the latter went to Portland.

A few days before he left he began to borrow money from the boys in a lively manner, and all seemed willing to accommodate him. He was a smooth faced, innocent looking youth, and appeared to be a prince of good fellows, and no one even dreamed of doubting him. He said he was a nephew of Hugh Fields of Heppner, and showed a letter purporting to be from Mr. Fields, in which he agreed to assist Bem in any business undertaking to the amount of \$500; on the strength of this letter Bem hired a horse from Chas. Branson and went over to Antelope to rent N. A. Anderson's restaurant, but "Red" required him to put up a cash bond of \$500 that he would run the restaurant for a year they did not make the dicker.

When several days elapsed, and Bem did not return, Mr. Branson suspected all was not right and sent Harry Liddle out to find his horse. Harry found the horse at Emerson Howell's place, where Bem had left him when he became so exhausted as to be unable to travel farther. But for this circumstance Charlie Howell now be mourning for his horse as well as his stable bill.

From Howell's place Bem made his way to Heppner, getting a free ride there in M. R. Hoyt's wagon. On the way he incidentally borrowed \$10 from Mr. Hoyt. He gambled away \$50 in Heppner, and then proceeded to Canyon City.

Though the boys here had for some time been sure Bem had handled them as suckers, each one kept his secret locked up in his own breast until Bem's arrest, when they began to compare notes, and found that he had beat the town out of about \$150, the principal losers being:

Jas. Burbank, who loaned Bem \$10; Bem also stole Burbank's overcoat, containing \$60 in the inside pocket, out of the latter's room in the hotel; Chas. Branson, stable bill; \$18; A. Kelsay, \$10; Mr. Dixon, \$19; Mrs. Campbell, board bill, \$13; Wm. Ross, of Mayville, \$10; Frank Palmer, \$20; Wm. Cole, pair chaps, etc. Elmer Barnard was also victimized, but will not say to what extent, and there are doubtless others unwilling to make known their losses.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Last Thursday evening at a regular meeting of Holab Lodge, I. O. O. F., the following officers were installed by D. D. G. M. John Laurance: N. Rulison, N. G.; G. W. Dart, V. G.; G. I. Hazeltine, Sec.; D. G. Overholt, Treas.; F. P. Horsley, Warden; M. E. Stansell, Conductor; D. I. Asbury, R. S. N. G.; J. W. Powell, L. S. N. G.; E. C. Sels, R. S. V. G.; S. J. Elliott, L. S. V. G.; Clarence Johnson, R. S. S.; J. L. Sigrist, L. S. S.; N. H. Boley, L. G.

Excelsior Enfranchisement No. 3, Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, G. D. Rickard, C. P. M. D. Clifford, H. P. M. E. Stansell, S. W. F. C. Sels, J. W. D. G. Overholt, Treas.; N. Rulison, S. O. P. Cresap, G.; Frank McLean, 1st W.; John Wolfinger, 2nd W.; Chas. Timmes, 3d W.; Geo. Shearer, L. G.

The camera can be made an instrument of torture, as witness the case of Yee Yick, the first Chinaman to be subjected at Lockport, N. Y., to the treasury department's order to have all Chinamen charged with unlawfully entering the United States photographed for identification. He thought that he was about to be executed when the camera was pointed at him and nearly cracked the lens with howls.

Dr. H. M. Taylor, a member of the Farmers' Alliance has drafted a bill calling for a loan of \$150,000,000 by the United States government to the people of Indiana, the same to be secured by mortgages on farms. The money is to be loaned for twenty years and to draw interest at 5 per cent. This is said to be the scheme of the Farmers' Alliance in several states. The bill was forwarded to Senator Peffer to be introduced into the United States senate.

## JUDGE FEE HOLDS OVER.

The Attorney General Gives it as His Opinion That But One Judge is to be Elected in the Sixth Judicial District.

The following letter addressed to Mr. Chas. F. Hyde, district attorney, from Geo. E. Chamberlain, attorney-general of Oregon, is self explanatory, and will doubtless go a long ways toward settling this vital question which has been agitating the minds of the members of the bar of the sixth judicial district for some time past, says the Baker City Democrat. A diversity of opinion has been expressed upon the subject and those advocating that it would be necessary to elect two judges, seemed to be in the majority. The opinion of the attorney-general is as follows:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Salem, Or., Jan. 4, 1892.

Hon. Charles F. Hyde, Baker City, Oregon.—DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your favor of the 21st ultimo. As requested I have examined the act of 1887, providing for the election of an additional judge in the sixth judicial district, with reference to Judge Fee's term, and I have come to the conclusion that his term does not expire until the first Monday in July, 1894, and that in consequence only one judge in said district will have to be elected at the next general election.

The act referred to differs from former acts providing for the election of judges for the several districts only in this: that it does not make the term of the first judge elected under it expire at the same time as the terms of the other circuit judges.

This has generally been done but I do not think it necessary to the validity of the act in question.

The act of 1887 is explicit in making the commencement of the new judge's term the first Monday in July 1888, and expressly provides that he "shall hold office and discharge duties thereof for six years from said day and until his successor is elected and qualified."

The legislative intent could not have been more clearly expressed, and there is nothing in the act to make that intent in the least doubtful.

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

The New Hotel, which has been refitted throughout, has again been opened to the public. Excellent sleeping accommodations are furnished, and nothing will be left undone, looking to the comfort of patrons of this popular house.

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.

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

To Public School Patrons.

Believing that an acquaintance and compliance with the following Rules and Regulations, governing the public schools, as set forth in the Oregon school laws, will obviate many unnecessary annoyances, I would respectfully invite a careful perusal of the same, to wit:

RULE XLV.—Teachers are authorized to require excuses from parents or guardians of pupils, either in person or written note, in all cases of absence or tardiness or dismissal before the close of school, and no excuse shall be deemed valid except that of sickness or necessary employment. The teacher shall be the judge of the sufficiency of excuses, subject to an appeal to the directors; moreover, that boards of directors may, by formal adoption, change the character of the excuses which shall be deemed valid in compliance with the powers of directors as set forth in subdivision 1st, Section 37, of the Oregon School Laws.

RULE XLVI.—Whenever the unexcused absence of any pupil during any term shall amount in the aggregate to seven days, he shall be reported to the directors, and the teacher may suspend him until the opinion of the directors can be taken.

For this purpose an unexcused absence or tardiness for a half day or less or for more than one hour at any one time shall be deemed a half day's absence; and such absence or tardiness for more than half a day at one time shall be reckoned as an absence for a whole day.

RULE XLVII.—Every pupil is required to attend school punctually and regularly; to conform to the regulations of the schools, and to obey promptly all the directions of the teacher; to observe good order and propriety of deportment; to be diligent in study, respectful to teachers, and kind and obliging to schoolmates; to refrain entirely from the use of profanity and vulgar language, and to be clean and neat in person and clothing!

VERBUM SAT SAPIENTI, J. H. COLLINS, Pres.

Those having horses to sell will do well to correspond with Smith Bros., Susanville, who are selling horses on commission, at good figures in the East and elsewhere.

Two good ranches to rent on shares with a fine band of good cattle amongst them 25 head of fine dairy cows. School within one mile. Good references required. Apply to Jas. Burbank, Susanville.

Jas. Burbank is communicating with the sheriff of Grant county with the object of having his misdeeds in this section brought in against Bem, and there is little doubt but he will be granted a long time in which to reflect over his smartness.—Fossil Journal.

Forest preservation is a subject which is gaining in interest for the public as the years go by. The tenth annual meeting of the American Forestry Association was held in Washington last week. It attracted to its sessions the secretary of the interior, who assured the association of his interest in the subject of forest preservation and of his desire to co-operate with the association and those in sympathy with it to protect the forest resources of the country. He did not conceal the fact that great trouble was experienced in interposing a check to the indiscriminate destruction of forests.

Examination has shown that fish came back to the stream where they were born after having been out to sea for the winter months. This is known by the marks placed on them and by the general difference in the varieties of salmon and shad which came to different streams. This is not only a curious and interesting fact, but an important one in the consideration of the laws governing fisheries and fish culture, as it allows each state to have its own system and provide for its own fish. It will also enable disappointed sportsmen hereabouts another "whack" at the big salmon they came so near spearing last spring in this turbulent creek.