

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Thursday, Jan. 28.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Work while the snow is falling, and prepare your placers for the spring run.

Plant lots of garden "seeds" and have something to sell to the various mining camps about here.

Mr. Arthur Regg, of Dayville, is now head book keeper for H. D. & Co., at John Day.

The most extensive tollroads in this county are the mud-roads that wear out the horse to foot the bill.

The ball tomorrow evening is to be for the benefit of the public school. Remember this, and also that the grand march will be at 8 o'clock sharp.

Baker City's hoarding mill will probably be rebuilt. Our neighbor is of too much commercial importance to remain long without such an industry.

County Clerk Shearer will soon deliver to the sheriff home printed election notices, calling for an election in this county on Monday, June 6, 1892.

Multnomah county has ignored the figures made by the state board of equalization, because her assessment was raised, in some instances 50 per cent.

Baker City people are again talking of a telegraph line from their city to Canyon City. Let us have it by all means. The advantage to both places cannot be estimated.

The Illinois sparrows have some consolation since the two cent bounty was put on their scalps—there's a little bit in heaven over one falling about fifteen hundred times a day.

It is said that Chili is growing very reticent in regard to the difficulty with the United States. This is to be commended. There has been entirely too much talk on both sides.

The boys went up to the baseball park last Sabbath and had a social practice game. Where else but in Grant county was a baseball ground in good condition to play on in January?

Let us drop a tear for the poor News man who labors so faithfully to give us a good paper, said one kind hearted neighbor to another. No, said the other, let's drop him a dollar.

Like a thief in the night the gentle snowflakes have been falling again. But it is all the better for a country where people do not depend much on rain, to have the mountains fall of snow.

The Monument driver's team ran away on the mountain above John Day, while he was changing from the sleigh to the buckboard last Tuesday, therefore delaying the mail. No particular damage done.

The state tax levy has been made, and is five mills. This with our county levy of 25 mills, makes taxes a little higher than last year. But in Baker county the tax burden is three mills higher than we have to carry.

Through an oversight, the name of Miss Ella Robinson was omitted from the reception committee of the leap year ball, last week, by the committee of arrangements, and by their request the News makes correction in the ad.

The Bonanza mine is just across the line from Grant county. The Morris mine and the La Bellevue are both in Grant county, and these two rich ore producers, besides many others in the Greenhorn country equally as good, should establish faith in our mines even with chronic croakers.

The old saying, "the days begin to lengthen" has proved untrue thus far. Spring has seemed to have come in advance of the days recorded in the calendar of '92 but old Bonax may yet give us a shock, and we had best not be too anxious to prepare to lay aside our winter garments.

Report comes from Dayville that some local sports went up on Cottonwood and slaughtered over forty deer, recently. As that proceeding was contrary to state law, and also contrary to the rules of society outside of an Indian reservation, we hope the rumor is unfounded. However, we fear that it is too true.

It is gratifying to learn that miners in several camps are using flour from our mills for their bread. Now if they could only use dried apples and prunes of home manufacture for their pies, and home canned goods on the side. It is evident that dryers and canneries are highly essential to our further prosperity.

The stage driver—who travels the road twice every day and ought to know—informing the News that the bridges on the road above Prairie have been neglected and allowed to become covered with ice, and that when the thaw comes there is danger of their being carried away by the accumulation of ice. Much expense might be saved the county by the proverbial "stitch in time."

The prophet of old said, "who hath believed our report?" this was the story of one of whom at his coming it was said "never man spake as this man," and yet the words of the prophet were not believed because it was a good report. Good reports from our mines, though, are believed in a great measure, because the people have seen sufficient indications to induce them to believe nearly all of the good reports.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Boundaries of Canyon City, Union, Olive, Austin, Warm Springs, Susanville, Long Creek, North Fork, John Day, Rosebud, Middle, Waterman, Mountain Creek, Rock Creek, and Bear Valley election precincts were re-established.

Silvics election precinct was abolished.

New justice of the peace and constable precincts were established, comprising one or more election precincts.

Considerable road district business was transacted.

The following rates were levied on all taxable property in Grant county for the fiscal year, viz: County purposes 20 mills; school purposes 5 mills.

Bills amounting to \$7,409.79 were allowed, and warrants ordered drawn on the treasurer for the same.

Liquor license was granted to D. J. Finlan of John Day precinct.

Judges and clerks of election were appointed as follows:

CANYON CITY: Judges—J. J. Hagnewood, James Robinson, John Long. Clerks—W. H. Kelley, F. P. Horsley. Polling place—court house.

JOHN DAY: Judges—D. A. Reamer, John Hollis, A. Hachemy. Clerks—C. H. Timms, F. J. McCallum. Polling place—J. P. office.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Judges—R. D. Johnson, Alex McKenna, Hugh Cannon. Clerks—D. B. Rinehart, W. C. Allred. Polling place—at the new school house.

UNION: Judges—R. C. Reid, W. B. Carpenter, Geo. W. McHaley. Clerks—Henry A. Hyde, R. H. J. Comer. Polling place—school house.

GRANT: Judges—W. W. Looney, Aug Bachman, George Cleaver. Clerks—Oscar O. Benson, J. W. Taber. Polling place—school house.

LONG CREEK: Judges—C. S. Dustin, S. G. Harris, A. R. Bly. Clerks—P. W. McRoberts, C. E. Goff. Polling place—J. P. office.

NORTH FORK: Judges—Miles Roach, P. S. Wilson, Joseph Putnam. Clerks—James F. Miller, P. W. Caris. Polling place—P. W. Caris' house.

FOX: Judges—J. D. Hannu, Wm. Patterson, James Dunlap. Clerks—W. H. Short, John Shirer. Polling place—school house at McGirr's.

HAYSTACK: Judges—Wm. H. Gates, James Hughes, Milton Hale. Clerks—Warren Carnor, I. N. Hughes, jr. Polling place—Kohler school house.

SHOPLY: Judges—J. R. Meador, R. A. Gilliam, Wm. Waters. Clerks—G. O. Butler, R. R. Keys. Polling place—at the usual place of voting.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Judges—P. L. Keeton, W. L. Campbell, G. W. Russell. Clerks—W. W. Cowne, J. W. Waterman. Polling place—at Caleb school house.

ROCK CREEK: Judges—Geo. V. Owens, Hiram Branson, Mill Laveol. Clerks—J. H. Baker, Jas. D. Ewing. Polling place—at school house.

WARM SPRINGS: Judges—Joseph Hurd, Aden Sloan, A. H. Powell. Clerks—T. J. Ennis, G. W. Owings. Polling place—school house.

SUSANVILLE: Judges—D. F. Snijders, J. P. Baird, H. W. Sloan. Clerks—Carl Lane, John Hughes. Polling place—at Noison's residence.

OLIVE: Judges—John T. Hayes, Samuel Carpenter, G. Chenoweth. Clerks—Wm. Schmitt, A. E. Starr. Polling place—at the usual place of voting.

BEAR VALLEY: Judges—F. M. Pearson, John Hopper, C. S. Grigsby. Clerks—W. W. Berry, W. W. Stone. Polling place—at Southworth's house.

WATERMAN: Judges—Lee R. Smith, Emil Straub, Wm. Richards. Clerks—Geo. McKay, Adolph Straub. Polling place—at George McKay's.

SOUTH FORK: Judges—A. P. Snyder, Tom Hyland, E. Stewart. Clerks—Bert Snow, Kenneth MacRae. Polling place—school house.

MIDDLE: Judges—J. A. Taylor, G. H. Kimberland, R. E. Danmon. Clerks—J. B. Eddington, R. E. Armstrong. Polling place—at Mt. Vernon Wymers' hall.

ROSE BUD: Judges—R. V. Officer, D. Cutting, Geo. Gilbert. Clerks—W. D. Officer, D. Atherton. Polling place—at school house.

HAMILTON: Judges—J. H. Hamilton, D. D. Hinton, Samuel Franklin. Clerks—Geo. Baker, Wm. White. Polling place—at school house.

AUSTIN: Judges—Minot Austin, G. H. Wood, C. G. Nelson. Clerks—Thos. K. Gurnee, Chas. Helmsdaech. Polling place—at Austin's house.

Taxes aren't quite as sure as death, but they sometimes make almost as clean a sweep.

A Baker county farmer picked up a box by the roadside and found therein a dead infant.

Rome was not built in a day, perhaps, but she was shaken right smartly by an earthquake one day last week.

TROUT CREEK MINES.

Nothing in the Way of Progress Now—The Camp Will Boom While Water Lasts.

County Surveyor J. W. Mack has been on a trip to Harney county surveying the new Trout creek mines and establishing the lines of the sub-divisions as required by law.

He gives such an account of the prospects over there that when a miner hears it his eye brightens with anticipation and he feels like shouldering pick and shovel and emigrating thither immediately.

While those who do not follow mining as an occupation feel good all over and congratulate themselves and all their friends that times are going to be better next summer in consequence of the mines to the south of us and to the north of us.

Trout creek mines had not attracted an unusual amount of attention lately, and now the reason is obvious. There was some flaw in the manner of locating the ground and as it had nearly all been located by residents of Harney City they "laid low" until such time as they could have a mineral survey made and relocate the rich claims in due form as required by the U. S. mineral laws.

This has been done, and now the extent of their richness may be made known without fear of bad results.

Mr. Mack was wading in snow from two to four feet deep, and with his crew of helpers surveyed twenty-one claims during the eight days he was in camp. The ground was not frozen under this load of snow, and everything is favorable to a sluice head of water for at least sixty days after the weather moderates so that there is no danger of a hard freeze, and the water supply may last three months.

Gold is found in abundance in one gulch just this side of the dividing ridge from the Harney valley slope, but it is thought that prospecting will reveal many other gulches full of the precious metal, as was the case here at Canyon City and Marysville, and every placer mining camp.

The streak of pay dirt in this gulch is from 10 to 40 feet wide, and in depth it is from 5 to 10 feet, prospecting gold all the way from surface to bedrock. The gold is coarse and heavy, one nugget was found that weighed 86, and several other fine specimens have been obtained by the fortunate miners who secured first claims.

Surveyor Mack informs us that one of the miners washed several pans of gravel, and the smallest prospect was 10 cents to the pan. The largest was 48 cents, estimating the gold at \$16 per oz. As high a prospect as \$1 per pan has been obtained. This sounds fabulous, but the News considers its information reliable, and rejoices that so much wealth is at the command of the industrious, so near our very doors.

One of the miners washed out fifteen rockers of earth in the space of half an hour, and his clean-up was \$600. How's that? you ask. We have no reason to doubt it, although it sounds like fiction.

They can't all do that well, because the good claims so far discovered are all located, and the stream will persist in running dry right in the midst of the washing.

If water could be obtained in abundance fortunes would be made in a day. But there is no stream from which water can be diverted, and this gold will have to be separated from the soil with snow water, and that which the springs furnish.

Mr. Mack says, notwithstanding the lack of an abundant flow of water, if he had a claim in the gulch a man, though he counted out \$10,000 in shining coin of the realm, could not touch it. He has been over there and has "seen what he has seen."

The miners are using flour from the mills of this valley and next summer when the land is filled with prospectors we may expect to sell ship loads of flour, fruit and vegetables to them for cash. This encourages the people of this valley, for if we have no Trout creek mines of our own we have a soil and climate surpassed by none in Oregon, and by the fruits of our land we shall handle part of the gold from the gulches and glens and dismal fens of that country which lies a day's journey to the south.

Helena Lodge L. O. O. F. Daughter's of Hebekah, was reorganized in this city last Saturday, and a large number of new members initiated.

Chinese residents are squaring up all old accounts and preparing to celebrate with becoming pomp their new year, which ceremony will begin in a few days.

The world's fair city has been chosen as the place of meeting of the Democratic National Convention. Fifteen ballots were necessary for a choice, Milwaukee being a close second, receiving 18 to Chicago's 27 votes. The date of holding the convention was fixed for Tuesday, June 21st.

From this date until further notice I will sell grain as follows: Barley 1 cent per pound; chopped barley 1 1/2 cents; wheat 1 1/2 cents; delivered free of charge at reasonable distance. Barley for seed, almost absolutely clean, 1 1/2 cents. The above prices are only for cash. Please bring sacks also. Canyon City, January 26, '92. GEO. GUNDLACH.

A MEXICAN INSURGENT.

Garza, a Greaser, has been revolutionizing Mexico up near the boundary of the U. S. and threatens to whip the government of his country. Our soldiers have been assisting President Diaz, of Mexico, to capture the bad man. A late dispatch says that General Maybray has just returned from the Rio Grande. He called on Garza's father-in-law and urged him to use his influence to have Garza surrender to the United States troops. The old man promised he would. General Maybray argued that if he surrendered to the American troops this government can demand that he have a fair trial should he be extradited and turned over to Mexico, but that if he does not surrender he will be captured within ten days.



GARZA'S FATHER-IN-LAW.

Garza's wife, General Maybray says, is quite pretty and rather patrician in appearance. She seems very proud of her husband, who evidently has impressed her with the notion that he will eventually be the ruler of Mexico. The young wife does not doubt his success. Garza was undoubtedly traced to Corpus Christi last week, and it is barely possible that he may have been in San Antonio, though General Maybray doubts it. The great majority of the people near the Rio Grande are in sympathy with him. Garza keeps his men so well scattered in squads of not over twenty or thirty that General Maybray thinks it is not likely that they can be forced together for a general engagement of much consequence.

Frank Garza, a relative of the revolutionist, was captured near the camp. The prisoner, who is the right hand man of the leader, said Garza's force consisted of only 400 men, that the money leader who was supposed to be in control was a mythical person, and that the men were only half fed and unpaid.

A correspondent telegraphs that he has had an interview with one of Garza's chief lieutenants. The officer indignantly denied the report that they were bandits, and said they paid for everything they used.

Various properties in the section in which the La Bellevue is situated, the Granite district, are making a wonderful showing and large bodies of ore are constantly being exposed. Now that the mine owners of that district have a custom mill to reduce their ores they are further stimulated in the development of their mines, and the old custom of leaving the ore on the dump will no longer be followed, but the same will be conveyed to the Monumental mill for reduction.

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Teacher's Examination. 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 Long Creek, Grant county, Or., commencing at one o'clock on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1892.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1892. M. N. BONHAM, County School Superintendent for Grant county, Oregon.

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

Mr. S. B. Amis, of Mitchell, who advertised for catnip hoes, has found the same, and congratulates the News as a successful advertising medium.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Messrs. Howell and Bates, Mrs. Dollina, and Misses Lawrence, Howell and Fisk, of Prairie City, were in town assisting with the initiation of sons and daughters of Hebekah.

The Oregonian's special issue of Tuesday of last week was a big one. It was a splendid review of the business interests of Portland and the entire country and a credit to that great paper.

INDIAN CREEK ITEMS.

January 25, 1892. EDITOR GRANT COUNTY NEWS.—Knowing that the columns of your valuable paper are always open to anything that is of interest to farmers and stockmen, I will send you herewith a few items in regard to a grass lately recommended for the arid regions of the west. Some time ago I noticed an advertisement in the catalogue of L. L. May, of St. Paul, Minnesota, in regard to a grass originated in Russia called "Bromus Inermis." In the same it was recommended by the experimental grass station, of Garden City, Kansas. I thereupon wrote to the station propounding some questions and received answers thereto, which I will give herewith in full.

"BROMUS INERMIS." Q—How long has this grass been grown at the station? A—Three years.

Q—Does it withstand a drought of four or five months? A—It will.

Q—Does it succeed on stiff clay loam? A—It does; but best adapted to gravelly soil.

Q—Is it good for pasture if sown alone? A—It is.

Q—Is it good for hay? A—It is if irrigated. It grows about 20 inches without irrigation. I will send you a sample for test. You will please report result.

Respectfully yours, H. C. BROOKS.

I will give this grass a trial and report results through the GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

I believe it is more profitable to try and get some grasses here on our dry hills than to depend on raising wheat and give bonuses to flouring mills that are not willing or able to pay cash for wheat after they have the cash on the bonus in their pockets.

The raising of stock will for a long time be the principal industry of this county outside of the mines, which now promise to yield rich returns.

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OUR MINES.

From Mr. J. R. Cabell, who was in the city recently from the La Bellevue, one of the most promising properties in the northwest, the Baker City Democrat learns that more development is in progress this winter than for years past, and as the News has unbounded faith in the mine of Northern Grant we cheerfully copy from the Democrat:

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THE BONANZA MINE.

The Bonanza mine, in the Robinsonville district, has again sent in its regular contribution of gold bullion to swell the large output that is arriving almost daily from the mines of Baker county, says the Baker City Democrat.

Superintendent Al Geiser arrived in the city yesterday with one hundred and fifty ounces of gold bullion which at \$15 per ounce, the assay value of the Bonanza gold, is worth \$2250, and is the result of twenty-three days' run of the Bonanza mill, notwithstanding the obstacles encountered by heavy snows and cold weather.

Mr. Geiser is in good spirits over the bright prospects ahead and is confident of making an increased favorable showing from the Bonanza the coming spring and summer. In fact, all the mines of his section, he says, are looking well and they will be heard from substantially on the opening of spring.

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

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 SMITH BROS., Susanville.

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

BASCH & Co.

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.

The Canadian government, for one dollar, issues a permit allowing a Chinaman to return to the country. The head tax on new arrivals is \$50. This arrangement is very convenient inasmuch as a Chinese resident of Canada has only to take out a permit to return and mail it to a friend who desires to leave his native land.

Orator Francis Murray has taken quite a liking to John L. Sullivan, and thinks now that the pugilist sector has a blue ribbon he will drink no more. But an exchange on the Sound, where John last exhibited himself, expresses the fear that the only blue ribbon to which he will remain devoted is the one that comes around the neck of a beer bottle.

According to the new voting law the judges and clerks of election must be served with notice of their appointment within thirty days from the time the sheriff receives the notices from the clerk. The notices of election must also be posted within the same time. The sheriff is required to take charge of the voting booths the day before election and attend to placing them and care for them afterwards. To do this he will be compelled to have a deputy in each precinct.

One day a young clerk who was anxious for a large fortune determined to visit Commodore Vanderbilt, and learn from him the secret of accumulating wealth. He entered the magnificent apartment, which he was somewhat acquainted, stated his errand, and asked him on what mysterious principle he conducted business with such unexampled success. Mr. Vanderbilt eyed him a moment to sound his motives, and then slowly replied: "By working hard and saying nothing about it."

The New York Mail and Express has a contributor of "English as she is wrote" on its staff who objects to the expression: "The funeral will take place from his late residence," etc. He declares that the word "late" is superfluous and "grating," and adds: "Where the body is is the residence, and the funeral, when from that place is from the 'late' residence. The body, though dead, resides where it died until it goes to its long home, the grave, or is taken to the church on its way thither."

Curiously enough, the United States was the last of the signatory powers to ratify the treaty for the suppression of the African slave trade which was signed at Brussels in July, 1890. The treaty was signed by representatives of seventeen powers, of which the United States was one. It was sent to the senate nearly a year ago, and in a few weeks the time allowed for the exchange of final ratification would have expired. The delay on the part of the senate in ratifying the treaty was caused by a disinclination on the part of some of the members of the senate to recognize the justice of a partition of Africa among the nations of the world.

A MIXTURE OF SCIENCE.

A new mineral has been discovered in Texas which is said to be seven times stronger than any other when made into wire.

To REMOVE a rusty screw, apply a red-hot iron to the head for a short time, the screw driver being applied immediately while the screw is hot.

A GIANT microscope which is making in Munich will under ordinary conditions magnify 11,000 and in special cases 10,000 diameters.—Boston Advertiser.

INVESTIGATIONS in the Pennsylvania University veterinary school tend to establish the fact that the milk and flesh of tuberculous cattle are almost the sole cause for consumption.

ASTRONOMERS say a shot fired from the equator of Jupiter would travel with a rotary motion at a speed forty-five times greater than that of a cannon ball fired at the earth's equator.

A FRENCH physician claims to have cured twelve cases of consumption by placing the patients for two or three hours every day in a compartment filled with compressed air containing the vapors of creosote mixed with eucalyptus.

A MIXTURE OF MIRTH.

Mrs. BREEZY (with hammer)—"There! I've hit the nail on the head at last!" Mr. BREEZY—"Why do you put your finger in your mouth?" Mrs. B.—"That was the nail I hit."

"I thought you said you never would accept Charlie," said Maude. "So I did—but he put his arm around me when he proposed, and—well, I yielded to pressure," returned Ethel.—Truth.

"BY THEORISTS! old fellow, what has happened to you that you smile so all the time? What is it that has so good?" "Oh, nothing at all; but you see one never knows nowadays but somebody may be photographing one."—Draught's Magazine.

DEBARY DRAGGLES—"Did you hear that the jule wot tramped with us from Sautusky to Erie was dead?" Wenny Waggles—"You don't tell me that the poor jule has passed away?" Debary Draggles—"Yes; he starved to death waiting for a kind-hearted lady to get her purse out of her pocket."—Harper's Bazar.

FIGURES WORTH READING.

NEW YORK has 60,000 night workers. U.S. LUMBER is worth \$22,500,000,000. U.S. LUMBER has 1,000,000 French Canadians.

A TUNNEL across the four-mile strait that separates Elsinore, Denmark and Helsingborg, Sweden, has been proposed. It will cost \$4,275,000.

The exports of coal from Germany in the first six months of this year amounted to 4,454,595 tons, as compared with 3,922,700 tons in the corresponding period of 1900.

In twenty-five life insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts today, there were in force at the close of last year 1,312,442 policies, and the 1900 policy increasing at the rate of over 120,000 a year.

The cotton people of Georgia are prosperous and gradually acquiring wealth. They return 15 per cent more of property this year than they did last. They have returned \$14,100,745 worth of taxable property.

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