The Times-Herald

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NEWSPAPER IN THIS COUNTY.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27, 1902.

Local News.

Good fresh butter at Huston's.

The Rector spent a few days in city this week.

L. Sitz was up Christmas on business and pleasure combined.

Jesus Byrd and wife have moved to the "Dad" Springer residence.

The new residence of C. E. Kenyon will soon be ready for occupancy.

Assessor-elect Logan was a business visitor to our city the first of the week.

We are agents for W. L. Douglas shoes $2.50 $3.00 $3.50 and $4.00 shoes. The Best on earth.
Schwartz & Budelman.

The boys who left here last month with the big beef drive from the Island ranch have returned.

Chas. Owen, foreman of the P. L. S. Co. Alvord ranch, was a business visitor to our city the first of the week.

The little son of A. C. Brotherton was quite ill the first of the week suffering from pneumonia. He is now much better.

A petition asking for the pardon of W. D. Huffman can be found at Waters' & Hagey's store where those interested in his release can sign it.

W. E. Trisch has been confined to his room for the past week his sickness being quite serious We are glad to state that he is improving.

Just think, you get 5 per cent discount on all cash purchases made at our store. Save your checks and when you have $5 worth return them to us and get $5. worth of goods free
Veogtly & Kenyon.

M. R. Biggs, the popular attorney of Prineville, arrived here last Saturday evening and started on his return home Christmas morning. Dick met many of his old friends and was quite busy during his short stay.

Christmas passed off very pleasantly in our little city. The public trees at the College building were well filled with handsome and valuable presents and the program was well received. Several had private trees at their homes and all the little folks were remembered by Santa Claus. It was a happy Christmas.

Ed Mogan is over from Paulina.

J. H. Oard spent a few days in our city this week.

Commissioner Miller was among our visitors this week.

Claud Smyth is in from Happy vally for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs D. A. Cawlfield are the guests of their son John and family.

The weather has changed from an Oregon mist to something more like winter this morning.

Bring your butter, eggs and produce of all kinds to W. E. Huston at the Durkheimer building.

The little son of H. L. Brisco is quite sick. we are informed he is suffering from typhoid fever.

Managers Lewis & Smith announce a grand mask ball for Feb. 14 at Locher's hall. Particulars later.

"Hot Coffee Joe" at the Windsor Emporium can serve you with the best things on earth. Fresh Eastern Oysters now on hand.

The big boiler for the Electric Light & Power Co.' plant, which was left at the Fopiano ranch by Jap McKinnon, arrived here yesterday and the rest of the plant is expected next week.

Wagons, wagons; We will sell you a Mitchell, Rushford or Webber Farm Bed Wagon;

3¼ Steel Skein	$ 85 00
3¼ " "	90 00
3¾ " "	105 00

Send your orders to us, O. C. Co.

Atty J. W. Biggs took his departure Christmas morning for Salem to attend to some matters before the supreme court. The Young vs Hotchkiss case comes up on the 30th. Mr. Biggs expects to be absent about two weeks.

Family Records at the Burns Furniture Store. These records are something superior, because they include a complete record of relatives on both sides of the house for three generations. Call examine and we know you'll buy. Something every family should have.

On last Monday the county board pronounced O. Calkins of unsound mind and decided he should be sent to the asylum for treatment. He was taken charge of by W. W. Johnson and Sam Mothershead who started with him for Salem on Wednesday morning. "Broady" will spend the next 40 days in the third House of the legislature, being a candidate for U. S. Senator. Sam will probably stay in the Capital city during the term, also, and perhaps longer. We hear it hinted that he desires to keep out of the asylum if possible but would like to break into the state penitentiary as one of its officials.

Go to Hustons for fresh fruit.

L. B. Springer is over from Barren valley on business

Mr and Mrs Al Cote were among our Christmas visitors.

Our old friend Henry Hamilton, is over from Diamond.

Haines & Miller, the south Burns merchants, have added a new safe.

James Paul, the sheepman took in the Christmas festivities with us.

Quite a number of our people are putting up ice for use next summer.

Several local nimrods will go out to John Farre's tomorrow on a rabbit hunt.

John Harper and family were guests of relatives in our city the first of the week.

D. Jameson assisted in the Schwartz & Budelman store during the Christmas rush.

Miss Alma Bower, of Harney, was a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Irwin a few days this week.

Messrs. C. Cummins, and H M Horton of this city have been added to the stockholders of the First National Bank of Burns.

Tobe Duncan and son Leonard were taking in the Christmas festivities here this week. They are now working for A. Venator.

Miss Ella Thompson, one of Harney county's popular teachers, is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in our city.

John Budelman, our popular merchant, made a flying trip to the vicinity of Welcomeville the first of the week to look over some land he contemplated taking up.

Quite a number of young people from Harney and Narrows took in the Band Boys dance here Christmas night. The dance was a very enjoyable affair and a large crowd was in attendance.

Schwartz & Budelman will soon be established in their handsome new quarters in the Fry brick. As is their custom they will conduct an annual sale, beginning with the New Year. Watch for announcement in our next issue.

The open air concert by the Burns Band was quite a pleasant surprise to many of our people and visitors on Christmas day. The band is improving under the instructions of Frank Paul and we hope to see the boys out often during the next few months.

FOR SALE—Two lots front on Main St. and First St. with cottage on each, one barn. Four lots with orchard of pear, apple and cherrie, currents & gooseberries bearing, two room house on it, access to an irrigating ditch. Also one lot with seven-room building, good location. Terms: One third cash with two years for balance in equal yearly payments at 8 per cent. For particulars call at this office.

The Grant County News says the visit of Congressman-elect Williamson to that city last week for the purpose of personally interviewing the people regarding the proposed Blue Mountain reserve was a farce. That he made no effort to ascertain the opinion of the people, but spent several hours in a local newspaper office (meaning the Eagle) and from there he went to another office and remained until he left town. The news hints that there are persons in that vicinity who are opposing the reserve from personal motives—some of whom would lose a profitable line of land business, while others would possibly get a chance to see Washington D C. upon money which they have been soliciting from the people. That paper also states that there are other grafts than those mentioned and threatens to expose them if things don't take a different turn.

BIDS FOR AN EMPIRE'S TRADE.

Possibility of an Electric Railway to Burns From Baker City.

The Baker City Herald says: The enterprise being promoted by Major J. W. Bonta, for building an electic railway from Baker City to John Day valley, and the operation on a scale commensurate with their size and richness of the Oregon Wonder" and "Will Cleaver" groups of mines near Prairie City, is one of the most important as affecting the immediate future of Baker City and tributary territory that has ever been attempted in Eastern Oregon. The consummation of the enterprise as outlined by Major Bonta involves the initial expenditure of $5,000,000. The corporation which will carry these plans to completion will be capitalized at $15,000,000. Already two great financial institutions of the east have offered to underwrite three million dollars' worth of bonds to begin with. Major Bonta owns the "Oregon Wonder" and "Will Cleaver" groups of mines, consisting of 40 odd claims in Grant county, and title to these properties will at once be transferred to the corporation, which has been in process of organization and is now complete; application for a charter has been filed with the secretary of state. Major Bonta left last night for Philadelphia to complete the financing of the enterprise. He goes armed with facts and figures relating not only to the unparalleled richness and magnitude of his Grant county mines, but armed also with a mass of data relating to the tonnage to be secured by the construction of the proposed electric railway. His plans involve the operation of the "Oregon Wonder" and allied mining properties on a gigantic scale; the construction of an electric railway from the O R. & N. at Baker City through the upper Burnt river country and down into the far famed valley of the John Day river; the installation af water power and electrical generating plants at convenient points along the proposed route; the ultimate extension of the line in various districts, so that he can absolutely control the transportation situation in Eastern Oregon.

In speaking further of the imperative necessity of building a railroad from some point into this section, and the possibility of the above line being extended to Burns, the Herald says:

This territory, this vast domain, stretching from the Idaho line on the east to the Cascade mountains on the west, from the John Day river on the north to the California and Nevada borders on the south—these 32,000 squre miles of fertile territory—contain not one single foot of railroad.

Think of it! A territory 25 times the size of Rhode Island, 12 times larger than Delaware, eight times as big as Connecticut, six times larger than Massachusetts, almost twice the size of Vermont and New Hampshire comdined, larger than New York, and equal in area to the entire state of Ohio—this vast territory without a single line of railway and 175 miles remote from the nearest transcontinental system!

It is an empire—a region rich in all the varied resources which have made the west famous—mining, agriculture, horticulture, stockraising and woolgrowing.

About it little is known. The stockmen af southeastern Oregon have built a Chinese wall around it—a wall of reticence reguarding its richness, a wall of scant welcome to chance visitors, a wall of absolute antagonism to settelrs.

Their herds are on a thousand hills. Their cattle graze on millions of acres to which they have no shadow of title. Their fences enclose lands as fertile as the fabled valley of the Nile, and these lands belong to God and the United States government. Seventy and a half million acres are enclosed within the area of this inland empire. Two per cent of this area is under cultivation; fifteen per cent is susceptible of cultivation under existing condition; an additional ten per cent is possible of cultivation by irrigation; the remaining fifteen million acres constitute a stock range, of ideal proportions and unparalleled for cattle raising.

It is a region of valley, plain and peak; of fertile lowlands and timbered hills; of lakes and rivers; of winding valleys and of arid plains; of high plateaus, and of gently rolling table lands. Hill and plain, lake and river, conspire to make the region of marvelous possibilities, of absolutely incalcuable worth.

From 35 to 50 bushels of wheat per acre; from 35 to 60 bushels of oats and barley per acre; three crops of alfalfa per acre per year, each crop averaging two tons per acre—these are some of the valley yields indicative of the soil's wonderful fertility.

Scores of lakes dot the arid plains and their marges are literally vast deposits of borax, worth $100 per ton. These deposits are of inexhaustible extent, yet are worthless without transportation.

Copper and gold ledges seam the frequent detached mountain chains. The Pueblo mines, on the southern state line, are already famous.

Twenty and a half millions of acres of an inland empire awaiting the magic touch of the railway surveyors' chain to be transformed from a terra incognita into a region of such richness as would shame the dreams of an opium eater.

Since the dawn of time this domain has laid under the low hung stars and the azure arch of blue sky that bends a wonderous arch over these sub tropic lands. Ever since railways have entered the new west, southeastern Oregon has been a field for vague dreams. The powerful influences that have in the past been brought to bear by the millionaire stockmen of the region to prevent any sort of invasion of the territory which they claim as their own, explains in a measure the reason it has never been chosen as a goal for some great branch of a transcontinental railway. The most coherent explanation however is the fact that heretofore it has been a terra incognita, an unknown land, about which even government surveyors know but little.

That it some day will be the theatre of a great race for railway occupation is as certain as muncane affairs can be.

A branch line from Baker to Prairie City would bring this empire 80 miles nearer the world's markets. An extention to Burns would tap its heart; branches to the borax fields, to the Klamath lakes, to the wonderous valleys of that southern section, would complete its subjugation. Twenty miles further, across the California state line, the southbound builders would meet the northbound crew, and lo! a band of steel would link the Blue mountains of Oregon and the Siskiyous of California, would bind Baker City and the Golden Gate.