THE HERALD.

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LOCAL NEWS—HARNEY VALLEY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1888.

To School Directors and Teachers.

County School Superintendent H. F. Dodson has appointed David L. Grace Deputy for this part of Grant county. Parties having business to transact with the Superintendent will find Mr. Grace at THE HERALD office, Burns, Or.

—A. A. Cowing was in town Monday, 9th inst., and reports not much snow about his ranch, about 12 miles from Burns.

—Thos. Haskell has wood corded up in town for sale to citizens who are out, at $5 cash per cord, delivered by him to any order.

—C. M. Caldwell was filling his ice house last week from the "old pond" in Silvias river, about a quarter of a mile from town; the ice was 12 inches through.

—Wm. Dalton killed a cougar in the hills above town last Tuesday, 3d inst.; it measured eleven feet—how is that for long? This is said to be the largest cougar that has been killed in Grant county.

—We regret to learn, through a letter to her husband, that the babe of Mrs. Henry Caldwell, who is now spending the winter with relatives at Grant's Pass, accidentally burned its lower limbs, and is sick.

—Mrs. Jno. Sayer came in town Tuesday and was unable to return home on account of the deep snow. THE HERALD acknowledges a very pleasant call from Mrs. Sayer and Miss Lulu Harris on Saturday.

—Call at the office of V. J. Miller, Attorney-at-law, at Harney City, Oregon, and secure you a piece of school land. He has plats of all the vacant school lands in the valley. Plats corrected every week from Salem, Oregon. 7*

—Last Monday, during the snow storm, the Stenger sheep herder came into town for help in getting his sheep out of the snow. Mr. Stenger drove a band of horses out to them to break a road, before they were able to get out.

—Rumor says that two stock men are missing out near Saddle Buttes, since the 2d.; it is feared that they perished in the storm which swept over this section with such unexampled severity on that date. No particulars obtainable up to time of going to press.

—Monday morning Mr. Newland's house threatened to produce a serious item of news for the local paper: the stove pipe projecting from the east end of the house set the roof on fire. It was fortunately discovered in time to be quenched before doing much damage.

—Several ladies of Burns met at Mrs. Chas. Frye's yesterday to arrange for the Leap Year Ball to be given on the 20th inst. The proceeds will be devoted to the relief of a poor woman in town. A formal meeting will be held at Mrs. Parker's next Saturday at 2 p m.

—Mr. Vanator, of Crane creek, with Miss Carey and Miss Gray, of Harney City, were in Burns Friday last and started to Harney to attend the ball, but the snow was so deep that when four or five miles on their way the horses gave out and the party had to come back and start again Saturday.

—Friday morning was the first of the "coldest" of the year: 12 degrees below zero at sun-up in Burns, and Saturday, a m, was reported 26 degrees by the thermometer in the Arcade saloon. Wednesday morning, the weather very greatly moderated.

—Last Thursday, on the Maher ranch near Harney City, Ed. Bland was so severely injured by a kick from a horse that his right leg above the knee was broken. Dr. Gilliam of Harney City was called in, and at last account the patient was doing well. Jno. Robinson of the firm of Robinson & Dodson, went to see him as soon as he heard of the accident.

—P. S. Early says his party, Messrs. Newman, Brown, and Summerville, reported as lost and camping out all night in the sage brush on Monday, 2d inst., did lose the road to Harney City, but did not fire a pistol nor lay out, as they had the good fortune to find a dwelling house, and were snugly esconced between blankets before 7 o'clock that night.

—Monday 2d, the stage to Beulah left Burns at the usual hour, with the driver, Thos. Howard, and three passengers: Mr. Withers of Eugene City, who has been visiting relatives near Burns and was on his way home, A. W. Wilson, of Burns, and C. W. McClain, of Drewsy. In the blinding snow storm the way was lost and the party went to camp for the night as best they could; next day when within four miles of Beulah the buckboard broke down and they had to foot it—it was a jolly crowd, however, and reached Beulah all right about noon Tuesday. After dinner, four horses were put on for the return trip to Burns, 73 miles, with the driver and Mr. Wilson, but the snow, which averaged about 20 inches when not drifted, so retarded their progress that they could not make further than Otis creek that night, Fine creek Wednesday night, Harney City Thursday night, and Burns at 1 p m, Friday. They returned to Beulah Saturday morning intending to get back to Burns on time Tuesday evening, if possible; but did not succeed, as the Beulah stage had not arrived up to time of going to press.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

A Young Californian Lost in the Storm of January 2d.

Within Seven Miles of Harney City. Verdict of the Jury, January 8th, before Jasper Davis, J. P.

The severest snow storm that has ever visited Harney valley in one day, according to the memory of the old settlers, and of the Piutes raised here from childhood, took place the second day of the new year, '88, and resulted in travelers, generally, losing their way, horses giving out, and the delay of mails, but in only one instance, so far as learned, in the loss of life.

Last Saturday, various and conflicting rumors were rife in Burns, regarding a young man, name unknown, living near Harney City, having started to the timber on Monday with a four-horse team for a load of wood; a search had discovered the horses, but no traces of the missing man. There were many sympathetic hearts in this place, when report added Sunday that the young man was a member of the family of A. W. Houser.

On Monday the sad intelligence was confirmed by the arrival of a messenger with a dispatch to THE HERALD from the acting coroner, Judge Davis, of Harney City, containing the following verdict:

HARNEY PRECINCT, Grant Co., Or.
January 8, 1888.

Inquest held before Jasper Davis, J. P.; We, the jury, find the deceased, William Riel Houser, came to his death on, or about, the night of the 2d of January, 1888, by freezing. Deceased was about 18 or 19 years of age, and was formerly from Wheatland, Yuba county, California, but at the time of his death, residing with his uncle, A. W. Houser, near Harney City, Grant county, Oregon.

J. M. MAHER,
C. D. MCKINNEY,
T. J. JACKS,
CHARLES A. LEE,
A. J. THOMAS,
E. C. HARRELL,
} Jury.
JASPER DAVIS, J. P.
Acting Coroner.

From Thomas Houser, son of A. W. Houser, the following particulars were gleaned: Wm. R. Houser, living in Wheatland, Cal., aged 18 years, came on a visit to the family of his uncle, A. W. Houser, last November, when Mr. Houser was returning from marketing a band of horses in California, intending to spend a gay winter in Harney valley. On Monday morning, 2d inst., he started to the timber, some 12 miles distant, with a four-horse team, to get a load of firewood; he was followed by a dog he had picked up on the way from California last fall. The terrible snow storm arose, and, as he failed to get in at night fall, an unsuccessful search took place; and, later on, the empty wagon and three of the horses were found off the road about 6 miles from town; the horses had been taken from the wagon and tied up to sage brush; all trail being obliterated by the snow, the search was continued without result until Sunday, 8th inst., 10 o'clock a m, when his remains, guarded by the dog, were discovered by Thos. Vickers and Thos. Houser; he was lying face downward on the earthen floor of an old, deserted, log cabin about 7 miles from Harney City. The jury opinion shows that death occurred the first night out.

The adventures of the unfortunate boy will, of course, never be known, his lips being closed by the awful seal of death, but from facts and circumstantial evidence the following is conjectured: When he started out with his team, accompanied only by his dog, he was asked by one of his cousins if he had matches to kindle a fire, and replied that he had plenty; he drove several miles when he was overtaken by the storm; losing his way, he abandoned the team, first unhitching and carefully tying up three of the horses; riding the other, he endeavored to find his way back home, and it is believed had he let the animal have its head it would have taken him there—this horse is still missing up to date, 11th inst. There is no knowing how long, or in what direction he wandered; but compelled by the fast-deepening snow to ride at a walk, he probably soon became chilled through, and so stopped and tried to kindle a fire, when, benumbed and confused by the cold and the blinding storm, he dropped his matches, for when found he had none, nor evidences of having had any; did he tie up and leave his horse here? it is thought it would have come home had he turned it loose; perhaps being very cold and having no blankets, he thought he would be warmer walking than riding; it may be, too, that as lost persons so frequently do, he was all the while traveling in a circle; at length he reached an old, roofless log cabin, only a mile and a quarter from where he had left the team; the snow covered the floor of the dilapidated hut, except in one corner, and here the benumbed and wearied boy sank down to rest, and here, without fire or blankets, the fatal sleep of death overtook him. Thus he lay until the following Sabbath when his cousin found him, attended as faithfully in death as in life by the poor dumb brute he had befriended. Undoubtedly the dog could have found its way home, and from tracks in the snow, had once started, but after going a few hundred yards had returned, and, sleeping in the sunshine during the day, and lying beside his young master at night, guarded the body from attacks of wild beasts, and joyfully welcomed the searchers when they arrived at the cabin Sunday morning.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Houser in Grant county, deeply sympathize with them and the bereaved parents in their dreadful affliction.

—A young gentleman of Burns sent us for publication the following touching lines, commemorating the sad fate of the young "stranger within our gates," to whom happened the first accident of the kind that, we are told, ever occurred in Harney valley:

Lines on the Death of Willie Houser.

BY A FRIEND.

Wandering on through the drifting snow,
He became so chilled with the freezing cold,
That he laid himself down on a bed of earth,
To never awake from his sleep of death.

When the sad news breaks on his mothers ear—
Far across the hills in his native land—
May the angels hover around her near,
And soothe her woe with Willie's last prayer.

Never again shall the bleak winds chill
Her boy, who now in death is at rest;
Obedient to God's eternal will,
He has gone to dwell with the angels blest.

He has gone to the Land of Eternal Rest,
Where sorrow and care is unknown;
He awaits his fellows and his kindred there,
In his high and heavenly home.

BURNS, Or., Jan. 9th, 1888.

—The current number of THE WEST SHORE is one of unusual interest, being filled with descriptive articles, fiction and poetry, and containing many beautiful engravings of Western scenery, from California to Alaska. It is accompanied by a supplement, in the form of a large picture commemorating the recent union of Oregon and California by a railroad long under construction, THE WEST SHORE is the only illustrated magazine on the Pacific coast, and is so excellent in its literary contents and engravings, and covers the entire field so thoroughly, that it seems to leave no opening for a rival. It is the only publication containing engravings of the beautiful scenery of the West, and the only one giving fresh and reliable information about that entire region. It also contains choice fiction, poetry and sketches of Western life and events. With the January number the publisher promises to send to all subscribers for 1888 a grand cleograph of the "Entrance to the Columbia River," printed in nine colors. THE WEST SHORE is sent postage paid for $2.50 per year, or 25 cents per number. L. Samuel, publisher, Portland, Oregon.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

FINAL PROOF.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Lakeview, Oregon,
November 23, 1887.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Lakeview, Oregon, on February 8, 1888, viz:

Abe Jones.

D. S. No. 270, for the N½N½, Sec. 25, Tp. 34, S. R. 21 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Charles Newman, C. W. Brandon, James Brandon, and M. A. Modle, all of Burns, Oregon.

Dec. 7-5 A. P. SNELLING, Register.

FINAL PROOF.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Lakeview, Oregon,
November 14, 1887.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Lakeview, Oregon, on February 7, 1888, viz:

Charles McGuire

D. S. No. 273, for the S½ of NE¼ and E½ of SW ¼ Sec. 5, Tp. 35 S. R. 17 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Chas. W. Brandon, Abe Jones, James Brandon, and M. A. Modle, all of Burns, Oregon.

Dec. 7-5 A. P. SNELLING, Register.

NEW TO DAY.

FINAL PROOF.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Lakeview, Oregon,
December 17, 1887.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Teste, County Clerk of Grant county, Oregon, at Canyon City, Or., on February 20, 1888, viz:

M. A. Modle.

D. S. No. 272, for the E½ of NW¼ and lots 1 and 2 of Sec. 3, Tp. 16 S., R. 22 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: D. M. Mattheny, John Horton, James Brandon, and William Christian, all of Burns, Oregon.

Jan. 11-7 A. P. SNELLING, Register.

WANTS.

Eggs and Pie—Mrs. Hart's restaurant.

WANTED: Every man that buys a suit of clothes this season to call at THE HERALD office and see the neatest and most complete line of samples ever shown in Harney valley. Also, we are prepared to do all kinds of job printing, such as Bills, Letterheads, Envelopes, Business Cards, Posters, Pamphlets, Blank Deeds, Mortgages, Leases, Notes, Receipts, Contracts, Law Briefs, Checks, Drafts, Orders, Certificates, Visiting Cards, Programmes, Menus, Dances, Social Invitations, Circulars