

Second Edition

—W. E. Grace came over from Harney, Tuesday.

—Sabbath school in Burns discontinued until more favorable weather.

—The well on the Kelly lot, is now down over 13 ft. into solid rock.

—Miss Lena Harkey is teaching the Blitzen school quite successfully.

—An interesting communication delayed this week on account of not getting in before Wednesday.

—Pierson, the photographer is erecting a gallery adjoining the Welcome saddle and harness shop.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hendricks paid a very pleasant visit to THE HERALD office, Tuesday afternoon.

—G. W. Wilshire, of Blitzen, got in Tuesday evening. Went to Harney on school business, Wednesday.

—The youngest child, a beautiful babe, of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morrison, was reported very sick from a severe cough.

—L. M. Brown entered the 80 or 100 acres of land back, or west of Burns, and has his house nearly completed for occupancy.

—W. A. Orser, from Lakeview, but late of Blitzen, has bought two lots and is building in Burns. Mr. O. called on and subscribed for THE HERALD this week.

—Married at Payette, Idaho, Sunday, Dec. 15, 1889, by W. E. Redington, J. P., Mr. Geo. R. Crego and Mrs. Jennie L. Amis, of Burns, Oregon. Sincere wishes for a happy future, is tendered the young people by THE HERALD.

—Sunday, Dec. 15, Zella D., the 15-day-old babe of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrell, died from the effects of the late coughing epidemic that has visited the Burns children the past three or four weeks.

—Look out for a good Christmas No. of THE HERALD. Send in full reports of all merry-makings in the county just as soon as they are over, so everybody can know what every body else has been doing. THE HERALD has no favorites.

—THE HERALD acknowledges the courteous attention of Messrs. McKinney and Sparrow in tendering the press of Harney county, tickets to the grand Christmas ball, given in the Harney Court House the evening of Dec. 24, 1889. In this matter alone these gentlemen are ahead of other management of public entertainments.

—The officers of the U. S. Land Office are strenuously endeavoring to bring up the business which has thus far been only conditional. In consequence of this duplicated work correspondents with the office need not expect immediate answers to their letters of inquiries, as the office is overtaxed with the important matter alluded to.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

FRENCH HOTEL. H. D. Jarvis, Diamond, James Sloan, and wife, Winnemucca, Boyd, Caldwell, Harney, W. W. Zumbert, W. A. Foster, Waras Springs, E. A. Stauffer, Crane Creek, J. J. Williams, Riley, H. Reed, Duval, P. Matney, Waia Walla, Bennett, Red.

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A powerful temperance story serial is now being written by Col. Thos. W. Knox for publication in the Toledo Blade, to commence early in December. Col. Knox is well known as the author of the "Boy Traveler" series, and his new story will be a revelation to people of all classes on both sides of the temperance question. Send postal card to "The Blade, Toledo, Ohio," for free specimen copy containing opening chapters. Send names of all your friends, also see adv. in another column. THE HERALD and Blade, one year each, for only \$2.50.

Prineville Review: A. Robbins, of Drewsey, is visiting Prineville.

Judge Sumner accompanied Bill Wight on his last trip to Hardin, presumably to look at the country, but one who ought to know declares the Judge's only mission was to attend the dance at Hinton's last night.

R. H. Britt, who has been locating W. V. & C. M. lands in the Cascades was driven out of the mountains by snow last week. On arriving at Albany, he reported a foot of snow at McKinnon's, on the Santiam.

—Go to the Livery and Feed Stable of Reed & Cavin at the old Pioneer stand in Burns, when you want to obtain good livery accommodations.

HARNEY VALLEY Its Advantages and Disadvantages—Its Valuable Lands, and Its Needs of Irrigation.

BY R. A. HENDRICKS, HARNEY, OR.

This vast region of Eastern Oregon must be rendered fertile. This country is rapidly arriving at a perception of the fact that this enormous territory, teeming with agricultural possibilities, can not be permitted to lie idle. A vast portion of Harney valley might be called a desert, not because the land lacks power to produce, for the richest lands of California, or the bottom lands of the Willamette valley, are not richer, but merely from lack of irrigation, which could be easily done if taken in hand by Congress, or by private enterprise, or by capitalists of small means.

Irrigation could be made easy and the water so constructed in many ways as to profitably moisten more than two-thirds of the area of Harney valley. Travelers and emigrants of course pass through Harney valley, judging from its thirsty looking surface that the water is unavailable, and not in sufficient quantities to moisten the whole area.

I will say to the readers of this communication that the water is available, and can be so constructed as to moisten a half-million acres of land in this valley so as to estimate the agricultural increase to be double—now how is it to be done? Based upon readings of reasonable sketches of different writers on the subject of irrigation, a few thoughts of my own (which I hope will not be unreasonably construed) with a view to determining the costs, and including location of spots suitable for establishment of reservoirs; I find there are several ways in which this greatly needed work can be done, and I hope that I can induce many readers of this suggestive article to not only believe that irrigation is needed in Harney valley, but also, that many will join with me in encouraging the great work for the benefit of our country.

In the first place, I will give a short sketch, or history of the Harney valley: Harney valley is almost round, and comparatively level; near the center, or a little southeast of the center, are the lakes Malheur and Harney; Harney lying S. W. of Malheur. Harney valley lies between two mountains—Steen mountain on the south and a broken chain of the Blue mountains on the north. These mountains break off into low mountains, or hills which extend entirely around the valley. Quite a large supply of water flows through the valley supported by the Blitzen and Silvies rivers, but not enough to moisten agricultural lands, which are estimated at over one millions of acres.

Come On! Come On!

I hereby take the pleasure to announce to the public that Elder E. K. Taylor, of Harney City, formerly from Palo, Pinto county, Texas, will address the disciples of Christ and others upon the important theme of religion according to apostolic teaching and simplicity. Subject, "The Church of Christ, or the Gospel of Christ in promise, in prophecy, and in fact, as promised by God, foretold by the prophets, and preached by the Holy Spirit." Services to be held at the Poison creek school house as follows: Saturday, December 21st, at 7 p. m. also, on the Lord's Day following, at 11 a. m. Come one, come all, let us hear what this man of God may have to say to us concerning our eternal and best interests. Respectfully, W. H. CULP.

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Senator Vance is dead in earnest in his fight on the hanging civil service law. He thinks it ought to go, and he has the courage of his convictions; hence he has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for its repeal, and he says it is his purpose to force a vote upon it if possible during the session. If there is anything done in this matter it is more probable that it will be accomplished by failing to make the necessary appropriation for the support of the commission than by a direct repeal of the law, though the latter course would be much more manly.

The non-action of the democratic House caucus leaves ex-Speaker Carlisle in full charge of the party interests on the floor of the House. No better, or abler leader could be found, and experience will soon show that it is far better to have one man in control than a committee of fifteen, as was at first proposed.

It argues well for future democratic success in the House that one of the republican caucus nominations—Rev. C. B. Ramsdell for chaplain—was defeated at the organization of that body, and the old chaplain, Dr. Milburn re-elected. Speaker Reed is having a high old time trying to satisfy the wants of his republican colleagues in the matter of committee chairmanships. It is extremely doubtful whether the committees will be announced before the Christmas recess.

Mr. Harrison has gone to Chicago, and it is stated at the White House that he will go to Indianapolis before returning here. David J. Brewer, of Kansas, has been nominated to be associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He

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has been United States Judge of the eighth Kansas circuit since 1884. Little is known of him here further than the fact that he is a nephew of Justice Stephen J. Field. The republicans do not fancy the appointment much, but there is no open opposition, and Mr. Brewster will probably be confirmed by the Senate.

Fight columns of nonpartisan without a single original idea. That's the feat accomplished by President Harrison in writing his annual message to Congress, and the manner of presentation is equally hackneyed as the ideas presented. Never, during an experience in Washington covering the administrations of five Presidents, has your correspondent seen a Presidential message fall as flat as this one has. The message will make Mr. Harrison no friends, and with the exception of the absurd paragraph relating to politics in the South, will make him no enemies. Mr. Blaine's worst enemy will not accuse him of having had any hand in the preparation of this message, for what ever else Mr. Blaine may be, he is always original and brilliant. More republicans than ever, refer to Mr. Harrison as Hayes.

The House adjourned from Tuesday to Thursday. Three Federal election bills have already been introduced in the Senate, two by Mr. Spooner and one by Mr. Sherman. Mr. Chandler bill applying only to some of the Southern States will also shortly be introduced, and it is understood that several of the same kind are to be introduced in the House. All of which is a useless waste of time on the part of these gentlemen, for if there is any one thing upon which the democrats of the House are thoroughly agreed, it is that no Federal election bill shall go through the House.

Mr. Randall has not yet been able to resume his seat in the House. He thinks he is well enough to do so but his physician positively forbids it. The District bill, which caused the great dead lock in the last House, has been again introduced in the Senate. The bill is certain to pass the Senate, but owing to the large number of new members in the House its fate there is not so certain although the probabilities are all in favor of its passage.

The national wool growers association has been in session here this week. Its members feel somewhat alarmed at the outlook. They fear that the demand for free wool that is constantly being made by eastern manufacturers will at least have its effect upon Congress. They are afraid of Reed, who is believed to squint toward free wool, and will not feel relieved until the republican members of the House committee on Ways and Means are announced. They are at present doing their level best to have a hand in naming them.

—We are now directly from Walla Walla, of a good number of people who intend coming to our valley in the early spring, with the intention of settling.

—V. J. Miller, formerly of this place, has returned after a rather prolonged tour seeking a better location elsewhere, came to the sage conclusion that Harney valley held out superior inducements, and intends to hang out his shingle in the county seat, wherever it is permanently located.

—From reported condition of the roads from the R. R., I fear that we will be short on cranberries and all other luxuries for Christmas.

—It is rumored there are several young gallants of Harney, who will desert the ranks of bachelorhood, and take unto themselves better halves to assist in winding up their short existence in this vale of tears—joy go with them.

—Jesse B. Tudor died at 11:15 o'clock to-day. Mr. Tudor was a native of Mississippi, aged 36 years and leaves a widow and six children. HARNEY.

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