

THE HERALD.
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FOR COUNTY SEAT OF HARNEY COUNTY.
BURNS.
Burns Free Edition.

A mammoth boom edition of the leading newspaper of the Harney country, THE EAST OREGON HERALD, will be issued May 1, 1890.

1. It will be the largest in size and number ever printed in the county.
2. It will contain more reading matter than any paper ever printed here.
3. It will contain a boom article for every town and place of importance in the county.
4. It will be issued to advertise Burns and Harney county in particular.
5. A copy will be given to the head of every family, and every single man and woman in the county; the only return asked in payment is for each recipient to mail the paper to the address of some desirable citizen back East.
6. The descriptions of town and county will be truthful, and contain none of the disgusting real-estate-agent exaggerations that make laughing-stocks of even the best of localities.

As a large part of the money for this edition is not only subscribed, but paid in, now, we respectfully request the business men in each town, school district, postal point, and neighborhood to meet at their respective school houses, March 24th, and appoint a committee to draft an article they believe equal to the advantages possessed by their part of the county, and such as they would like laid before Eastern readers, of the best industrial classes. Then send it to "THE HERALD, Burns, Oregon."

THE HERALD asserted when told "a syndicate" composed of twenty of the best Republicans in the county, had purchased the "Independent Weekly Journal" published in Burns, in order to run it a straight-out Republican paper, "that the same spirit, that guided its politics heretofore, would continue it in the future." Read the following extracts and see if our judgment in the matter is not good:

May 2, 1888, behind the name of J. M. Vaughn, said to be Republican editor and proprietor, "that same spirit" writes the following as a specimen of Independent-Republican doctrine:

"The old party issues are dead, nothing remains but the empty names, yet the majority of the voters cling to the name as tenaciously as though the issues were alive."

August 15, 1888, under shelter of Ben Franklin's name as Democratic editor and proprietor, he enunciates the following as good Independent-Democratic doctrine:

"A revolution in politics is taking place, all the old issues between the parties are dead, nothing but the name remains."

Jan. 1, 1890, behind the "new management" as he calls the Harney Valley Printing and Publishing Company, Republican editors and proprietors, he gets off the following as a sample of his conception of Straightout-Republican doctrine:

"The great political parties are constantly changing, and hence in a term of years all there is left is the name."

Same old coon, no matter which tree he is shaken out of, yet he boasts of being the Pet Child of the Administration.

WATCH the man that talks county-seat, politics and "no party" together, and ask "what is his object for mixing business and politics?"

In whose individual interest is the "No Party" racket, made by the pseudo "Republican Weekly Journal?"

THE location of permanent county-seat is a plain business proposition to be determined by appeal to voters' reason, not to partisan prejudices.

THE HERALD is necessarily wholly local these times, because all Eastern or Coast mail stopped at date of January 11.

THE editor of the Harney Valley Items is to-day and has been ever since the spring of 1887, A. W. Waters. We give the Harney Press the information to keep it from coming to Burns for any more "n. w. e." sorts.

THE location of permanent county-seat is not a political issue, and any man that will try to entangle it with the Democratic, Republican, or "No Party" politics, is no friend to Harney county, is an enemy of Burns, and a demagogue of the basest instincts—such a man is capable of treason to people who confide in him.

THE political campaign is open in Harney county. THE HERALD is a political newspaper when party lines are drawn. The line between the Democratic and Republican party is as distinct as a black mark dividing a white surface into two parts. The Republican organ, the Harney Valley Items, opened the newspaper controversy now on hands by trying to prevent the announcement of Democrats as candidates for office by false accusations, in order to "get control of the county offices" by ballot, where it failed to get control by appointment. We let the attack on the County Judge go, because we had to await Judge Maxey's movements.

To friends of Burns who fear the political controversy now on hands will hurt the county-seat question, we say this: we have as much at stake as any of you, our One dollar is as big in our eyes, (because it is our all), as your Ten dollars are in your eyes. The county-seat question is not a political question, as the Tadpole demagogues would have you believe; Burns has incontrovertible, natural and acquired, advantages the whole people, Democrats and Republicans, Christians, Jews, and Gentiles, infidels, anarchists, and demagogues will recognize as "business propositions" too plainly for their individual advancement to ignore.

Burns will be the location of the permanent county-seat for Harney County.

We will receive advices in time to give the people of the county our reason for such assertion, by THE HERALD's issue of April 3, 1890.

In the meantime, friends, don't allow the fellow "up to snuff" to hoodwink you into believing "getting the county-seat for Burns" lies in the hollow of a renegade Republican's hand, because he is the quill-driver of the only Republican newspaper in the county.

The majority of the people of Harney county are honest, intelligent, and industrious people, of different political and religious views, as well as business pursuits, for, if they had not been such, a newspaper devoted to the disturbances of the harmonious relationship of citizens one to the other in a county, would have seriously and dangerously arrayed themselves against each other.

STOP YOUR SLANDER OR STAND FROM UNDER.

March 12, 1889, the Democratic Governor of the State of Oregon appointed seven Democrats, Shields, Grace, Cowing, James, Morrison, McPheeters, and Baker, and three Republicans, Miller, Harvey and Graden, from the citizens of Harney county to perform the duties of the offices made vacant by division of the Harney country from Grant county, viz: County Judge, Clerk, Sheriff, two Commissioners, Coroner, School Superintendent, Treasurer, Assessor, and Surveyor, until the next general election in the State, in June of 1890.

The action of the Governor was based upon the political complexion of the new county, wherein the democratic strength stood as 7 Democrats to 3 Republicans, but was a sore blow to Republican managers, whose applications for ap-

pointment, if heeded would not only have filled the ten offices but as many more, hence, the "Independent-Republican Weekly" cast the odium of its special bad word "Devine" on all the Democrat appointees, except L. B. Baker, and bragged he and the Republicans would not serve the people in the offices given them; which was true as far as the latter was concerned, as the three Republicans sent in their resignations.

Having asserted the Democrats (not the Republicans) were men appointed by "Devine," the people must have some evidence of the truth of its words, so, on the 8th day of last month the editor of that sheet trumped up a set of charges against the County Judge as a beginning, in the form of a communication, but accepted as editorial by position in the columns of the paper, making the following assertions:

1. It is a fact that Judge Shields is stupid.
2. It is a fact that Judge Shields lost to the tax-payers of Harney county \$9,000.
3. It is a fact, as I am told, that Judge Maxey said he would place the figures of Harney county's indebtedness to Grant county at \$20,000, and if necessary, bring them down to \$10,000.
4. That Shields was "Devine's" Judge.
5. That Shields was "Devine's" servant.
6. That "Devine" induced the Governor to appoint Shields to the office of Judge.
7. That Shields is an incompetent.
8. "Devine" inflicted Shields as county judge on the county of Harney.

But, as he frequently does, "he reckoned without his host," when he forgot that the people of Silver Creek precinct were interested in the good name of its representative citizen, and an investigation into the grounds for the accusation was instituted at once. Judge Maxey, whose name was thus openly used to substantiate the malicious political slander on the Democracy of Harney county, was written to.

Judge Maxey did not stop at writing a personal letter in reply, but published the following article over his own signature in the Republican weekly in Grant county, denouncing the whole accusation as a falsehood from beginning to end:

CANYON CITY, Feb. 2, 1890.

Editor News: Will you allow me a short space in your paper to answer a communication appearing in the Harney Items, of Jan. 8, 1890, in which the word "Devine" is used in such a manner that at long range one would think it was a divine revelation, but at short range it has the appearance of being conceived in a muddled brain, and born in the sordid sanctum of the Harney Items when the editor was out. The writer of the scurrilous article presumes that the tax-payers of Harney county don't know that they have lost \$9,000 in the settlement with Grant county, and he has been told that it was a fact that Judge Maxey, of Grant, told his friends that he would place the figures at \$20,000, and if necessary would come to \$10,000. To this I will say that every word is false from the beginning to the end.

A full statement of the settlement between Grant and Harney county is on file in the county clerk's office in Harney county, and any tax-payer in Harney county can examine for themselves and will see at once that an honorable man and faithful officer has been slandered through the stupidity of a crank. The settlement was made on the statement of Wm. Miller of the indebtedness of Grant county upon which Grant county obtained a judgment against Lake county in the Supreme Court of this State, and is undoubtedly as correct a statement of the indebtedness of Grant county as could be made.

I make this statement in justice to Judge Shields, knowing the charges against him to be false and unjust and should have done so sooner, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from doing so.

N. R. MAXEY.
Co. Judge Grant County.

Why Burns for County-Seat?

ED. EAST OREGON HERALD: As the political pot in Harney county has commenced to boil and good many applicants have come out for office, I would like to make a few nominations, and would say that nobody but that is a Democrat should be elected, for this reason, that the county is Democratic, and there is as good men in the Democratic ranks as there is in the Republican. My first selection will be

BURNS FOR COUNTY-SEAT.

- Reasons why:
1. Burns is the oldest town in the valley.
 2. The people of Burns have done more for county division than any people in all the other towns combined.
 3. Great wrong has been done to the people of Burns by the last

representative, Gilham. Gilham promised the people of Burns through a letter which bore his own signature, that the county-seat should be fixed by the Governor and by petition.

4. The people of Burns have done more toward the settling of Harney valley, and have been friends to the settlers.

5. The stores and hotels supply the wants of the people, and if any traveler goes to Burns to buy he generally gets what he wants.

6. The people of Burns treat everyone with kindness and respect.

7. Burns is as much the center of Harney county as any other town.

8. The best agricultural land lays around Burns.

9. Burns District pays more taxes than any other.

10. The Land Office is permanently located in Burns, and if the county-seat should go there, it would make one good town in Harney valley, and if a settler has business before the Land Office and county court he could do this in one town and one day, and would not have to ramble over the county.

The following I would suggest as good Democratic timber: Sam Miller of Drewsey, Jasper Davis, of Harney, P. F. Stenger, of Burns, Wm. Miller, of Harney, A. A. Cowing, of Harney, Wm. Alberson, of Harney, Wm. Coatsworth, of Harney.

[We do not think our friend should confine favors so exclusively to Harney, as there are other precincts in the county.—ED. HERALD.]

Items from The Daily Times-Mountaineer.

—The great trouble appears to be in ice forming on the track and throwing engines and carriages off the rails.

—The west-bound train, we understand, was wrecked this morning near Viento, and the locomotive and baggage car are ditched.

—These days of blockaded trains the newspaper man is in much difficulty.

—The Blue Mountain division is in a terrible condition. Report says it is completely blockaded, and it will be considerable time before it will be open for traffic.

—George C. Wiegand, a prominent stockman of Gilliam county, is supposed to have left North Yakima for Arlington about Christmas horseback, and has not been heard of since. He cashed a draft on a Yakima bank and announced his intention of crossing the Simcoe mountains on horseback. All efforts to discover his whereabouts have proved fruitless. When he was supposed to have started across the mountains there was no snow, and it is feared he has met with foul play.

—All trains which come in now are hauled by three engines.

—The first mail train for two days from Portland arrived in the city soon after 3 o'clock this morning.

—We understand the loss of sheep is quite heavy in Antelope. Mr. A. Finlayson, so we are informed, has lost 1500 head, and many others are in no better condition.

—All stages leave the city on sleighs.

—One week ago yesterday was the last eastern mail received in this city.

—Canyon City News: Judge Clifford will remain home until after the March term of court.

—We learn that Beck brothers of Monument wintered their sheep without much loss.

—We await with much anxiety the "confession" of Ed. Abbott's, promised by the Baker Democrat. That confession, if it is genuine, will perhaps throw some light upon the question as to the author of two or three stage robberies.

—Hank Levens who was in town last week said that he had a large quantity of hay in Harney county, and very much desiring that it should not be burned he had a man hired with a gun to guard the stacks. The hay burners over there will get caught in their nefarious work one of these nights and reach the end of their rope, as it were.

—We notice the genial countenance of Mr. Isaac Bear again in our midst.

Ed. Abbott, a Hard Case From Grant County, Dies With His Boots On.

From Canyon City News, Feb. 12:

Persons arriving by west-bound train yesterday inform us a fatal shooting affray took place last Tuesday at Falk's store on the Payette, in which Ed. Abbott, a prominent hard character formerly of Grant county, and "Sheep Herder Joe," of the Payette section, were the principals, the former receiving a mortal wound and dying a few hours after. The trouble grew out of some discussion at the dinner table at the hotel, both men drew their "guns" but "Sheep Herder Joe" got there first and won the fight.

The murdered man is well known throughout Grant county where he lived several years, and it can be said no good was ever known of him. He bore the reputation of being a "bad man" and the wonder is that his light had not gone out long ago.

It is said Abbott made a full confession of his Grant county exploits before he died and the Democrat is promised by the officer at Payette a copy of the document which will be published as soon as received.

Authorities of Baker county will remember Abbott as the man arrested about two years ago for robbing the Canyon City stage but acquitted for want of evidence.

"Sheep Herder Joe," the murderer of Abbott, is said to be, also, a hard case and between the two it was simply a matter of who could get there first.

War was declared in John Day the later part of last week. Bill Whit, a half-breed, it seems had been saying something which he ought to have left unsaid and Joe Combs went gunning for him with blood in his eye. A number of men gathered Joe, while Bill put some distance between them, and then afterwards slid out and is probably going yet.

Judge Fee cannot be present at the coming term of our circuit court, and an adjourned term will be held some time in May to try the cases for which Mr. Clifford was counsel before his appointment to the judicial bench.

We have just received a letter from W. F. Moffett of the Malheur country dated Jan. 15: snow was 24 feet deep and still snowing hard. All classes of stock that had no feed were dying. Mr. Moffett says the loss will be heavy in the Malheur country.

Thos. McEwan, one of the proprietors of the Baker-Canyon stage line, informs us that the contract for carrying the mail has been awarded to an eastern man "whose name he had forgotten" his bid being \$3,680. Eastern men have no idea of the roads and other impediments and disadvantages with which mail contractors have to contend in this mountainous country, else they would not be so eager to underbid those who are cognizant of the evils attending a failure to deliver Uncle Sam's mail on time. This eastern man's bid is lower than the last one, by which contract Griffin & McEwan are carrying the mail, and unless he has an immense bank account Mr. Eastern Man at the end of his four-year-contract will not have even a pair of gum boots left to remember his experience as a mail contractor in Eastern Oregon.

Long Creek Eagle: Some time before Tom Williams became owner of Jordan, Joe Combs challenged J. N. Hamilton to run a race with Nappa for a purse of \$1000. We are informed that Tom Williams will carry out the challenge if it is accepted, so we may expect a race worth seeing some time in the early spring.

Bob Gilmore, a resident of the Cottonwood section, we have been informed, has turned out between 3000 and 4000 head of sheep to rustle for themselves esch feed running out.

From Long Creek Eagle, Feb. 14:

Owing to the many land slides and wrecks on the O. R. & N. last week, the mail to this section was greatly reduced, but is now arriving regularly again.

The Harney county section has suffered severely from delayed mails this winter, thus working a hardship on the editors of that section. Most certainly they will have cause to smile when spring, in reality, arrives.

Notwithstanding the vigilance of a number of parties at the polls, Tuesday, numerous illegal votes were polled.

Mr. Beck, of Monument, says the losses of stock in that locality this winter are not nearly so large as has been reported.

Newt Jones has returned from a trip over to Nelse Jones' sheep camp and reported the outlook very bad. They have lost about 700 head and their sheep are still dying. The snow is two feet deep with no signs of a break.

We hear that "pinkeye" is among the horses in this section.

Long Creek Eagle: On last Monday evening, Feb. 10, at 9:15, the Angel of Death visited the family and took from our midst J. T. Mael, aged 47 years, 2 months and 4 days.

Mr. Mael, who was the son of Martha and B. F. Mael, was born in Henry co., Iowa, Dec. 6, 1842, came to Oregon in 1852, where he spent his younger days in securing an able education; enlisted as a bugler in one of Oregon's regiments, mustered in the Willamette section, and went out upon the battlefield, where he faithfully performed his duty for three consecutive years.

Was afterward married to Miss Susie Jackson, to whom were born eight children.

After settling in Grant county, Mr. Mael wrought valuable service for its citizens as a school teacher, and then as county superintendent. Afterwards was elected county clerk, in which capacity he became favorably known throughout the county, thus resulting in him being unanimously the choice for re-election, receiving the largest majority ever polled by any nominee in the county.

Owing to failing health he tendered his resignation, after which he gradually declined in strength until the pangs of death seized upon him.

The funeral services were to have taken place at the church at Long Creek on Wed. eve, Feb. 12, at 2 o'clock, p. m., but owing to the inclemency of the weather, it was postponed until some future date and the procession proceeded to the cemetery east of town where the interment took place.

The sympathy of every resident of the county is sincerely tendered the bereaved family in this sad hour of their affliction.

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