

Local News.

—Oh Lord! The gall shown by some men is enough to put a brass monkey to shame. If any democrat in this country during the administration of a term of the republican party fished or petitioned for an appointive office under said administration, we have no knowledge of the fact. Squire Parker—peace to his ashes—who held, in this town, the position of P. M. under Cleveland's first administration, sent in his resignation immediately upon hearing of the election of Mr. Harrison. Mr. Parker felt he was out of place as a democrat holding the office of P. M. under republican rule and it was his duty and fealty to his party to express his independence by offering his resignation. Not so with some republicans of our town, now as we have a change of administration, some parties, who never had a kind word for the democratic party, and upon all occasions threw obstacles in the way of its advancement, are now fawning, praying and petitioning to be retained in office. These harpies are not confined to one office but both the land office and post office. They have been fed at the public crib for four years and are loth to let go, so much so, in fact, that now they are entirely willing to be democrats, populists or anything in order to be retained. They not only disgrace themselves but the party to which they have sworn eternal fidelity. These petitions are somewhat secretly circulated and only shown to individuals whom are thought to be warm friends of the "harpy" but our "devil" who is always getting himself in some body's way stumbled on to a petition for one of the above to be retained in the land office. If there is anything that will make a good democrat or republican "tired," it's a "sucker."

—Our Indians have been having a little "sheol" the last two weeks. A pite boy died, and his friends charged "Blind Jack" their medicine man, with having caused his death by a process of slow poisoning known only to the doctor himself. Twelve or fifteen pites left here several days since and went to Harney, took forcible possession of old Jack who was at, or near Harney, tried him according to Indian laws and edicts charging him with having caused the death of the boy by poisoning, which Jack, for fear of losing his power over the tribe, did not deny, but just told them to help themselves. Jack works on their superstitious nature, the Indian being like our forefathers, a believer in witchcraft; they think he can by one motion of his hand cause a visitation of ill luck and disaster to the whole tribe or severally just as he wishes. The tribunal sentenced Jack to pay to the friends of the dead boy, within six days from that date, at Burns \$37 for killing the boy, and if he failed to do so his young wife would be taken from him by the tribe, leaving him a broken hearted widower. The six days has not yet expired, we presume, as we have not heard anything further of the matter.

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Protection from the Ravages of Fire.

If our town board takes such steps as will provide the town with such apparatus as will give reasonable protection to the town in case of fire, there should be no kick on the part of our citizens, whether it be by bonding the town or some other plan to accomplish the necessary end. In this particular we have been grossly negligent, our want of action in this direction is wholly inexcusable. The people of Burns are certainly not ignorant of the awful consequences in case of fire, we are without any protection whatever, and it neither shows business nor common sense for us to remain in this condition. We say if it is necessary to bond the town to get the money do so and do it quickly. A town provided with good protection from the ravages of fire enhances the value of all its property just in the same ratio, we do not sustain any loss by paying for this protection but to the contrary it shows business, thrift and enterprise. Without such protection business men from other localities are slow to invest in property of the town or to embark in any business enterprise in the town. We certainly cannot rely upon a direct interposition of providence for protection, Burns is not noted for its extreme religious proclivities and certainly cannot depend upon the prayers of the church for protection.

Friday, April 14, will be Arbor Day. E. B. McElroy, state school superintendent gives the following: "Arbor day, from being a humble expedient of one of our western states a few years ago, has become, it may be said, one of our national holidays. Its original design has been modified since its observance has been connected with our schools. It is now not only a day for tree planting, both for economic and aesthetic purposes, but its observance has been made the means of imparting much valuable knowledge in regard to plant and tree life, of cultivating in the young the faculty of observation, and kindling in their minds an interest in natural objects which will be a life long source of pleasure. Is it too much to hope, also, that this Arbor Day festival, engaging our children in its observance so generally and so pleasantly with songs, recitations and planting of trees and shrubs around the school houses and along the streets or in public parks, may have the effect of bring forward soon a generation who will feel both the value and beauty of trees, as hitherto they have not felt in our

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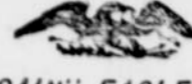
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