

## HARNEY ITEMS.

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### "A Timely Warning."

Our now friendly contemporary, the East Oregon Herald, devotes considerable space to an article under the above head line. The Herald's article is temperate and logical from its editor's standpoint, but we venture the assertion that the labored article in question will not be heeded by those who have so severely suffered from the injustice heaped upon them by those who are endeavoring to engineer political matters in Harney county.

We are informed that another interview took place in the drug store, "King" John's headquarters when he is in Burns. It is said that not many days since the great monopolist came to town, and as soon as the gentlemanly hostler had grabbed the bits of the prancing span of thoroughbreds, the "king" repaired to his headquarters, where was the other John, who was exceedingly glad to see the kingly smile on the countenance of his superior. Little John very soon decoyed big John into the back room in order that they might have a little private chat. After each taking a bumper from the whiskey barrel they chanced to see, and feeling the effects of the critter, the conversation waxed warm and louder than they thought. Our informant happened to overhear this much of the little dialogue:

Little John—"Do you remember when we made the agreement that I was not to take the appointment for Sheriff, but you were to appoint some one who would answer your purpose, and then you were to put me into the office when the time of the present incumbent expired?"

Big John—"I remember it distinctly, little John, but you see at the time I offered to appoint you I could do as I pleased, but now these rabbit-eaters have a say in it, and you know I cannot control any of them."

Little John—"Let's take another drink. Now, big John, you do not seem to be doing much for me, and I am about ready to throw off on the whole set of monopolists and join the settlers."

Big John—"You must not do that, little John. That would be certain ruin, as the rabbit-eaters would not trust you, since they are well aware that you and I are scheming together. Now, I will tell you what I will do, little John. I will go to work for you from now on. You must not be seen around with me, and whenever you talk to any of the rabbit-eaters you must give me h—l, and make them think that you are standing in with them."

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Buffalo Bill recently offered a large sum of money to any one who should succeed in riding his wild horse, while in Rome. Some of the peasants accomplished this, but Bill refused to pay the promised reward on the ground that they were too long in mounting. The spectators hissed.

THE FIGHT.—We judge from what we can hear on the streets that M. Fenwick and Henry Cheatham, who are both staunch settlers' men, will carry the primaries in Burns precinct without a struggle. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that their friends will be elected as delegates to the democratic convention, but it may be after the convention they will pool their strength for one or the other. These gentlemen are both solid friends of the settlers and either of them would make an excellent sheriff.

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rived much advantage on that score. It may be the better way to place the county seat at Harney, and use the people's money with which to rent or build county buildings, when Burns will furnish these expensive buildings free of charge. Of course the voters will ponder well over these matters, and when the time arrives to settle the matter each citizen, we hope, will conscientiously deposit his ballot as he thinks is the best for all parties concerned.

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## Civil Service Examinations.

Only nine men have passed a civil service examination and obtained places on the eligible list from the State of Oregon. Five of these have been retired by limitation, one has secured an appointment, one declined an appointment, and two remained. These two are John M. Hodson, of Eugene City, and Geo. W. Watt, of Salem, the former graded at 86 and the latter at 85. Oregon lacks two appointments of having her quota of appointments. No women have ever applied, or rather have been placed on the eligible list. In the State of Washington five men have passed the examination, one has been appointed, two canceled by limitation, and one declined, while Arthur H. Beers, of Spokane Falls, remains graded at 72. The quota of that State is full. The basis of the appointments is upon the last census, and Oregon and Washington do not get their share. After 1890 the applicants may become more numerous, with a show of getting appointments. There are plenty of applicants for positions in the railway mail service, and the following lists for both Oregon and Washington show those who may be selected and the grading by the examiners:

OREGON.	
Abe L. McCully	74
E. M. Humphreys	75
Amos J. Dixon	80
John T. Clark	80
Baron Black	79
Roule F. Henley	79
WASHINGTON.	
Jas. W. Scott	74
Geo. F. Fredrick	75
John Birn Clegg	75
Edgar C. Turner	79
Sheridan L. Jenkins	80
Gay Smith	78
Perl M. Ewell	81
Robert G. Elder	77
Harry V. Stockton	88
Chas. W. Thompson	81
John H. Huntington	82
Charles S. Hallinan	83
Chas. Fagan	83
Chas. O. Townsend	81
Chas. H. Gwinan	76
Frank P. Marshall	73

We are personally acquainted with the most of the gentlemen above named by the Oregonian, and know them to be bright young men. Our advice to young men capable of filling almost any position, is to not seek government clerkships. A government clerk is simply a machine, who after having been thus employed for a term of years becomes unfitted for other business, devoid of independence and individuality, seeking only for a scanty living in the capital of the nation. Better that you take your ax, young gentleman and chop cordwood until a better opportunity presents itself.

Citizens' Meeting.

BIRD'S NEST, March 15, 1890.

EDITOR ITEMS: The citizens of Embree and Saddle Butte precincts met at the residence of Herman Laun on Saturday, the 15th, for the purpose of organizing and preparing to work for securing Bird's Nest as the permanent location of the county seat.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. H. Emerson, who stated the object of the meeting, and R. A. Hendricks was chosen Secretary.

The following named gentlemen were appointed as an executive committee to devise ways and procure means to advertise the advantages of the site of Bird's Nest for permanent county seat: M. B. Hayes, Henry Lyons, Wm. Catterson, Bent Embree, Jas. Williams, R. J. Ivers and E. Fisher. The two last named gentlemen were not present.

As a committee to select the location there were appointed by the chair: M. B. Hayes, J. H. Hunt and Herman Laun.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Jas. Williams, after which a resolution was passed to the effect that all the papers in Harney valley be requested to publish the proceedings of the meeting.

The sum of \$100 was subscribed to defray the expense of advertising.

Another meeting will be held on the 24th of this month at the residence of Herman Laun.

Stock Brands.

This column will be devoted to the publication of brands, in an abbreviated form. We would like to have every stock owner, small or large, in the valley represented, therefore have placed the price at \$1.00 per annum, extra for cuts. Call and give us your brand.

ADDRESS BURNS P. O.

Günther, Mrs. M. A.—Cattle, 70 connected on right shoulder.

McGowan & Fenwick—Horses and cattle, 76 connected on left shoulder.

Wooley, J. C.—Horses, J2.

Bugler, Henry—Cattle, single on left side.

Buchanan, Wm. D.—IG on mares; colts, three years old and under, O.

Bowen, J. S. and S. L.—Horses, J on left shoulder; cattle, J on left hip and right side of neck.

Brink, Henry E.—Horses, single on right shoulder; cattle, BB on right side.

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