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**Local and General.**

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Our old friend Geo. Tregaskis was a visitor in our town today, we have missed him for many moons.

Mr W. R. King, Judge L. R. Webster and Hon. J. L. Rand will be among the attorneys in attendance at the coming term of court here.

Sheriff Allen is busy summoning jurors for the term of circuit court opening Monday next.

He was on a warm trail the last heard of him.

Judge Wm Miller of Ontario and James Mahon were late arrivals in the city this P. M. The judge expressed the opinion that the coming term of court would have plenty to do.

The Harney Valley potato crop this year, is said to be about the average, which fact causes us to smile, but the radiant sunshine of these smiling appears Oh, so rapidly when the egg crop of this glorious corner of Eden is mentioned.

The big scare among stockmen of this part of the state, on account of recent falling prices of cattle, is gradually but surely subsiding, as most persons now hold their cattle, biding their time to see their way clear to get their herds through the coming winter.

The Pie Social given at the Burns Business College last evening for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society was well attended, and was altogether quite a Pleasant affair. Pleasant affairs like this are all right and a continuation of them is strictly in order.

20 folios is about the size of the testimony taken in the recent land contest of Effie Syme V. S. The State of Oregon and H. M. Horton at the U. S. L. O. here. The attorneys in the case were W. R. King for contestant and Parish and Renbold for defendants.

Mr. B. D. McIntyre owner of the ITREMU plant, returned to Burns last evening, after an absence of several years in Idaho. He will remain here indefinitely looking after his interests here. We hope to prevail upon the gentleman to again become a citizen of our town.

Messrs J. L. Sitz and W. L. Clark the Burns merchants, were Burns visitors yesterday, and judging from their pleasant faces things are going well with them. It is certain that no one will begrudge them all the good luck that falls to them. They are deserving of a whole lot of it.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade, held at the court house yesterday it was decided to send delegates to the irrigation convention to be held Nov. in Pendleton Messrs N. C. Carpenter, I. S. Geer and Dalton Biggs the latter having been chosen by the committee, as speaker from this county.

The aristocracy of the Putes who inhabit the odd spaces in and about our city have to all appearance been very close to Injun heaven during the recent half year of sunshine days. Card parties on the summit of various chip-piles have been very well attended by the gentler sex among them. It is evident they purpose being up to date or nothing. The progressive spirit seems to pervade our atmosphere in spite of the local altitude.

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A rather sad accident happened to the Burns Cataño stage line Thursday night a few miles east of Burns (and just after dark) the driver had dismounted to adjust some freight aboard, and placing his foot upon the wheel to get aboard his team plunged forward throwing him under the hind wheel breaking his leg and otherwise bruising him. The team then proceeded alone with the U. S. mail and such freight and express matter as the stage contained, leaving the crippled man lying on the ground where he remained throughout the long cold night, without assistance and where he was found and picked up the next morning by contractor Williams. He is now under the care of competent physicians here. The team and freight were found in good shape a short distance from the scene of the mishap.

Deputy sheriff Fitzgerald will shortly arrive in Burns, says latest news, where he will take a much needed rest after his long and arduous journey to Winnemucca, where Dr. Kurtz the suspected, is sojourning temporarily.

This matter of securing proper requisition papers for the Dr. is engaging the earnest attention of the learned attorney whose business it is to advise our county officials in cases where such papers are to be used. It isn't every attorney that can solve the problem of securing such papers, but in the opinion of many, it is only a question of time when the thing will be done and Mr. Fitzgerald will be properly equipped when he again goes forth to bring a prisoner from Nevada into Oregon that victory may perch upon his banner, on the next trip, is our sincere desire.

Harney, Oct. 15. The field party of the Geological Survey in Oregon under the directions of John T. Whistler, district engineer, consisting of M. D. Williams and Frederick C. Huber, is continuing the development of topography of irrigable lands in Harney Valley. Something over one-half of the Valley north of Malheur Lake has now been covered. It is estimated that the work can be complete by Dec 1.

Another field party, consisting of Herbert D. Nemell and Edmond I. Davis is investigating an additional reservoir site on Lower Bully Creek and one on Upper Willow Creek. The Willow Creek reservoir site is being studied with a view of ascertaining the possibility of covering certain lands on the west side of Upper Willow Creek Valley.

The work on the Umatilla project has been in charge of four assistants. After a full examination of the reservoir site, the canal line to Umatilla River will be taken up, topographic work being carried on at the same time.

A Representative body of citizens of Union County, Oregon, has presented to the Chief Engineer of the United States Geological Survey a statement of the existing conditions in that county, accompanied with a request that investigations and surveys be made of certain reservoir sites and of the possibilities of development an underground water supply by means of artesian wells. The petition asserts that Union Co. contains more than 100,000 acres of fertile irrigable land and that the present water supply during the two months of low water suffices to irrigate only about 1000 acres.

Under the present conditions there can be no material development of the natural resources of this county, and the petitioners request early action on the part of the Survey. It is claimed that the natural flow of the Grand Round River has of late years been decreasing until there is not enough water during July and August to supply the existing rights, the lack of water seriously endangering orchards already planted and the gardens and farms already established.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office Burns, Oregon, October 14, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

MARTIN V. SMITH, of Burns, county of Harney, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 22, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of section No. 27, in Township No. 22 S., Range No. 28 E. W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Burns, Oregon, on Friday, the 22d day of December, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Frank Jordan, Harry Thompson, Simon Lewis, Lyke N. Jamison, all of Burns, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22d day of December, 1903.

Wm. F. Lane Register.

the situation on the Grand Ronde River in this section has been ordered by the Chief Engineer.

A letter shown us, of recent date, from a member of the Oregon delegation, denies the report that Chas. Newell, receiver of the U. S. Land office here is about to be deposed from office on the strength of charges preferred against him. The claim that Hon. A. W. Gowan has been recommended for the receivership of the U. S. Land office here through the influence of the firms of Trisch & Donnegan, and W. W. Johnson & Sons may also prove to be unfounded. But, whether recommended by Trisch & Donnegan and W. W. Johnson & Sons, of Burns or by Williams, Wood & Lithicum, of Portland, it is evident that Gowan is shortly to step in and Newell to step out of the said office. It is understood here that the recommendation of Gowan was entirely at the instance of Senator Mitchell, who feels indebted to the ex-member of the Oregon legislature for part favors extended him, but just what proposition of the Senator's reward is on account of Mr. Gowan's fidelity to him just prior to and during the earlier part of the legislature session of 1901, is a question which is of considerable interest to Senator Mitchell's friends throughout the Burns land district just now ('sh softly now!)

According to latest press dispatches the Interior Department was not "idly boasting" when a short time since, it was given out that a whole lot of queer work had been performed in and about U. S. Land Offices along the Pacific Coast, and that some of this 'queer' work would later, be made public. From our observation, the present heads of the Interior Department, are the right men in the right place, and all honest citizens will wish them greatest success in their efforts.

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