

Local and General.

1884. Turn the date on your letters one year ahead. Barbed wire, nails, spikes, hinges, etc., at W. J. Leazer's. California oat hay is being shipped to Portland at a cost of \$17 per ton, laid down. Down in the Eight Mile country Ches. Stillwell sold his ranch to J. G. Koontz for \$3300. Heppner has some of the most able-bodied schoolgirls of any town in the country. Commence the new year with a new fire in a new stove secured at W. J. Leazer's. The Heppner Bakery has been bought by E. V. Harris, who will hereafter conduct it. If W. F. Stoss will call at the GAZETTE office he can hear of something to his advantage. A letter from Will Gilmore states that his wife has been very sick for the past two weeks. The days are said to be lengthening, although they have been 24 hours long all the time. The Anonymous Club gave a very successful dance in Odd Fellows' Hall on New Year's Eve. Died—In Heppner, Dec. 23, of cramp, Winnie, daughter of G. W. Harrington, aged four years. The only place to get hardware, tinware, or anything in the repair line done, is at W. J. Leazer's. A burning chimney recently raised visions of fearful destruction in the minds of Pendleton's population. Surveyors are in the Camp Harney country surveying a railroad route. The outfit consists of about forty men. Chaplain T. Messlie has been sentenced to be fired out of the U. S. Army for duplicating his pay account. Over at the four-months-old town of Adams there were 40 persons in attendance on the Christmas tree exercises. At the head of Hinton Fork yesterday morning, James Tibbet suffered a broken leg from his horse falling upon him. D. Theodore, of Foster, was run over by a hand car on Sunday last and severely bruised near the Last Mile House. Over at Long Creek last week Sherman Keeney's cows got to a can of Australian sheep dip, and three of them died. Charles S. Waite, administrator of the estate of E. B. Waite, is now selling off a large stock of first-class furniture at cost. The grace mares of George Lees and John Carter had an exciting race at Long Creek the other day, resulting in a draw. The congressional committee on lapsed land grants will probably report four or five bills on this important subject very soon. Administrator's sale of Furniture at cost at the old stand of E. B. Waite, on Main Street, Heppner. A full stock will be sold. Call early and secure bargains in furniture at E. P. Waite's old stand on Main Street. Charles S. Waite, Administrator. We have in stock and will publish next week, a pastoral poem with woodcut accompaniments, illustrating life in a sheepcamp. Some of the bricks from Fred Hallock's chimney were found in Judge Dutton's strawberry patch, two miles down the canyon. Willow Lodge, I. O. O. F., held interesting installation exercises at its hall last night, and an excellent collation was subsequently partaken of. Everybody will be glad to learn that Mrs. D. A. Herren has so far recovered from her recent illness as to be able to be up and about her home. The people of Alkali enjoyed a grand masquerade ball on Christmas eve, and opened their skating rink with imposing ceremonies on New Year's day. The Post Office Department has ordered postmasters to declare all postoffice boxes vacant unless rent is paid within three days after it is due. Art Minor is fond of exercise. Last Saturday he hunted about away up to Skinner Fork and back, but only got two chickens and a couple of rabbits. We have received the first number of The Critic, a new daily paper started at Olympian by Black & Dunham. What it lacks in size it makes up in spic. Pendleton is assuming metropolitan airs. A merchant there recently set a tub of butter on the sidewalk in front of his store, and it was stolen forthwith. Among other papers cut by the Christmas breeze was the blowing down of the large railroad shed at Meacham station and of the old depot building at Milton. George Rowland, formerly stage driver between Heppner and Alkali, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing express matter, and got off with a fine of \$100 and costs. Frank Munkers and J. W. Gilmore started Monday morning with a small band of the latter's horses, and they will drive to the new Gilmore ranch near Alkali. Whether the odd sections of government dirt are restored to their rightful owners or not, you can still get anything you want in the hardware line at W. J. Leazer's. As will be seen by his card in another column, Warren Clark, Esq., has re-opened his Justice of the Peace office, on Main Street, opposite G. W. Wright's law office. There is a mare running up in Quad canyon that ought to be got up by her owner, as she has a colt with her only a few days old. She is branded 7 with a half circle over it. Since Tupper and Williams kicked out the side of the court house and escaped, 400 people over in Grant county have begun to agitate the erection of new county buildings. The long winter evenings may be pleasantly and profitably spent by laying in a stock of interesting reading matter at Minor & Dodson's. The cost is comparatively nothing. At the extensive mercantile establishments of Heppner & Blackman and J. L. Morrow & Son, everybody has been working like a beaver for the past week taking account of stock.

J. R. Crawford, of Lena, is very sick, and not expected to live.

A stockman who has just arrived at Canyon City reports the weather at the Malheur as being dry and cold, and that cattle require constant watchfulness to keep them from straying off the range.

At Spokane Falls a deserted damsel rushed into a ball room the other night and threw a pan of molasses upon the shirt-front of her faithless lover. But it didn't make him stick to her any better.

Umatilla Masonic Lodge has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: J. H. Kinnear, W. M.; O. E. Thompson, S. W.; Henry Means, J. W.; Frank B. Clopton, Sec'y; Wm. Lloyd, Treas.

Mr. A. M. Gunn, Heppner's old stand-by in the blacksmith business, is branching out by having a new shop built near Odd Fellows' Hall. It will be a capacious edifice, and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Last Thursday a horse was found beyond the John Day river saddled and bridled, but having no rider. The horse was quietly feeding on the bunchgrass, and it is feared the owner was thrown and severely injured.

At Foster last week, a brakeman named Fitzgerald met with a severe accident. While in the act of coupling some cars, his clothing in some way got caught in the advancing car and he was pulled down in such a way that his leg was caught by one of the wheels, and badly mashed.

For the past five days the Heppner Hills have been clothed in snow to the depth of about four inches, and the weather has been cloudy and rather cold. Wednesday evening it commenced chimooking and Thursday morning the snow is about all gone, and the atmosphere is mild as May.

A Vancouver widow with twenty-one children is advertising for a husband. There is great virtue in printer's ink, as has brought fortunes to both men and women; but we don't believe a double-column advertisement inserted next to reading matter every day for six months would bring a husband to a widow with twenty-one children—unless the latter are kept in the background, or underground, or somewhere. We like to go back on advertising, but the line must be drawn somewhere.

The Dalles Mountaineer says: Complaints are made by stockmen that their cattle are being shot by ranchers. Mr. Jos. Shields, Jr., informs us that last week in a ride between the Deschutes and John Day, he observed several calves with buckskin in them, one of which died the following day. The parties are not known who have done this mischief. The loss among stockmen is very great, and suspicion rests on a man who, if more evidence can be obtained, will be arrested for the crime.

Murders at Large. At Walla Walla, on Christmas night, the two murderers, Canada Owenby and John Elfus, assaulted the sheriff and jailer, left them for dead, and escaped. They stole two horses and were over into Umatilla county before pursuit was made. They have been tracked to the Cold Spring country and to Prospect Farm, where they stole fresh hogges. Principle or that section of country is supposed to be their objective point. They were both to be hung, and with of some resort to any desperate act to maintain their freedom. Stockmen and ranchers, especially those between Heppner and Lone Rock, had better keep their eyes peeled, and see that they are not added to the list of victims. Elfus is light-complected, weighs about 140, and speaks with a broken German accent. Owenby has dark-brown hair and weighs about 190.

Pardal Picture. A Chicago dispatch says: Great excitement has been caused by a horrible state of affairs at the Working Woman's Industrial Home in the suburbs of Chicago, of Lagrange. According to the officers who visited the place, all the children were covered with vermin. Their beds were both filthy and insufficiently warm. The food consisted of nothing but mush, bread, potatoes and cold water served up in small doses; the windows lacked panes, so that the snow would drift into the room where the half-starved children were huddled together with every gust of wind. The two stoves which were supposed to heat the floor hardly had a handful of coal in them both. Mrs. Anna Schock, the matron, has been arrested. She has been living in a hovel in Chicago, and getting rich on the money subscribed to feed poor children.

Fall of a Hall. The new city hall at Echo, built at a cost of \$2500, fell in and became a total wreck on Christmas Day. A ball and supper had been held in it the night before, and just before it collapsed a number of ladies were in it, clearing up the tables. An old man who was present warned them to leave the unsafe building, but they thought there was no danger. When he left, however, the ladies followed, and they had hardly got out when the whole business went down with a crash. The rains took fire from the stove, but the flames were extinguished before they had gained any headway. The enterprise of Echo's citizens will cause another hall to be built, and it is hoped it will be more substantial than the first structure.

We Copy. The Watsburg Times says: We saw a squash in town Tuesday. The owner did not know how large it was or how much it weighed, but the indenture in the ground where it grew is now a large pond, and sportsmen are hunting ducks there. The vine on which the squash grew also produced four others, two of which were larger than the one exhibited. These were fed to the cattle, sustaining forty head seventeen days. The method of cooking was simple enough—chopped a hole in one side, set in a large stove, built a fire, and away she went! Oregon papers please copy.

The Noblest Work of God. Tony Tubbs, the owner of the site of the new city of Our d'Alene, was in business at Umatilla some years since, where he was burned out, and a number of Portland merchants entered their accounts against him on the debtor side of "profit and loss." But now he has made a big thing out of the sale of town lots, and has paid up in full all his old creditors, one of whom presented him with a \$250 watch and chain in appreciation of his honesty.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Umatilla.

We, the Grand Jury of Umatilla county, State of Oregon, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. That we have been in attendance as Grand Jurors 24 days.

2d. That we have found and returned forty-three bills of indictment, nineteen true bills and twenty-four not true bills.

3d. That we have inspected the offices of the Sheriff, County Clerk and County Treasurer, and find their offices neatly kept and their books in neat and intelligible condition.

4th. That we recommend that the County Court of this county, make an appropriation sufficient to procure the services of a competent person to arrange and segregate the public records and files of this county, so that the same may be referred to with facility.

5th. That we have been efficiently and kindly attended by our Bailiff, J. L. Gulliford.

The District Attorney, T. C. Hyde, has our thanks for his promptness and energetic dispatch of the business before us.

We return thanks to the Hon. John J. Ballery, the Judge of our Circuit Court, for the kind manner in which he has treated us and for the respectful manner in which he has treated the witnesses, jurors and attorneys in attendance upon this court.

Having concluded our labors for the present term we beg to be discharged.

The annexed document signed by the foreman of the grand jury is respectful made a part of this report.

Dated at Pendleton, Dec. 24, 1883.

J. L. Morrow, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

We beg leave to further submit that we have to some extent examined into the workings of the County poor farm.

We are of the opinion that said farm was purchased at a price much in excess of its real value for any purpose, and that as a matter of economy, in the case of county charges, it is an entire failure.

Its location being far from any central point—subjects are often unable to get there, as in the case of Bennett Good—and if taken there the expense of a physician to make visits from a distance of twenty miles is an unnecessary and unjust burden on the taxpayers.

We very much disapprove of the practice of employing resident physicians of Pendleton to make special visits to said farm in case of sickness, and recommend that the contract for treating the county sick be let to the lowest responsible bidder, as first intended. We further earnestly recommend that said farm be sold without unnecessary delay, and the proceeds applied to the purchase and the improvement of a tract not exceeding 10 acres and not further than three miles from the county seat.

Dated at Pendleton, Or., Dec. 24, 1883.

J. L. Morrow, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

A New Field. A correspondent of the Pendleton Tribune writes: We have been on the wing, our object being to take a look at the Willow creek and Rock creek countries, and if we are not much mistaken there will be many thousand acres of wheat added to Umatilla county's great wheat fields.

We traveled through what is called Butter Creek Flat, but just how large this flat is we could not ascertain. It is several miles wide, and is level and smooth land, and quite plentifully with new houses, some breaking, and some fields of this year's harvest with fine looking stubble. We are not prepared to say that all this vast tract is good wheat land, but did not see anything to condemn it. We were shown a contemplated town-site, near Juniper, and think the location a good one, as it will be quite a distance from any trading point. From Echo to Willow creek the country is nearly level, and at no distant day there will certainly be a railroad through to the John Day river—there will be a road needed, and it will be easily constructed, therefore we say there will be one. New arrivals every day looking for land. There is plenty of room for settlers by going a short distance south or west. It is like the discovery of a new Eldorado, and you cannot see all of this country in less than fifteen or twenty days.

A Dead Shot. Over on Alder creek, across the Columbia from Castle Rock, Perry Rutherford has a band of sheep. They are here by a small stream quite a distance from any trading point. Coyotes have been rather too numerous on that range, so Pete got a big six-shooter to exterminate them. Not having much confidence in Pete's shooting, Perry put out some strychnine, which has laid out many a gaunt sheep-killer. Whenever Pete sees a coyote within a mile of him he blows away in that direction. And now when he finds a strychnine-killed coyote lying around he takes all the credit to himself and says: "When I shoot, the coyote goes off and dies, and I find him pretty soon next day. I did not know I was such a good shoot!" He couldn't hit the water in the Columbia river where the stream is a mile wide.

In Distress. Down near Patsville a wealthy family moved in last fall, took up land, and commenced to make a home. But that dread disease, consumption, contracted in another climate, overtook the father, and his disability has rendered the family destitute. Mr. J. W. Redford has circulated a subscription paper for their relief, and the people of Heppner, as they always do in such cases, have responded very liberally.

Heppner Hills Ahead. A Webfoot paper says: "Mr. John Hanley, a Hillsboro farmer, has harvested 210 bushels of turnips from a half-acre of land after feeding several wagon loads to his hogs and cows. Who can beat this?" Mr. John Butabaga, of Gopher Gulch, near Heppner, this year raised 420 bushels of turnips on a half-acre of dirt, besides letting his hogs and cows help themselves all summer.

Breastpin Lost. A gold breastpin was lost between the Heppner church and Mr. Mariatti's ranch on the evening of the 23d of December. Finder will please return it to GAZETTE office.

Married. At the residence of the bride's parents, near Acton, Dec. 31, by A. Mallory, Esq., Miss Ida Lockard and Marion D. Crow.

Book and job printing of all kinds at GAZETTE office.

See Here! You can get hot meals at all hours, you can buy fresh butter, or you can sell fresh eggs at the highest cash price at the Heppner Bakery and Restaurant. Lovers of fresh oysters can now feast upon them here in Heppner. I am now receiving them regularly from below, and serving them in any desired style. E. V. HARRIS.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the firm of Hall & McAttee is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Hall retaining, W. J. McAttee will continue the meat business at the old stand, and pay all bills against the late firm and collect all dues. M. HALL, MART. HALL, W. J. MCATTEE.

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Next to Odd Fellows' Hall, Main St. Fresh Bread, Cakes and Pies Every Day.

HOT COFFEE & LUNCHES AT ALL HOURS.

A full supply of Fresh Candies, Nuts Canned Goods, etc., constantly on hand.

Attention Everybody!

I have for sale in Heppner the Famous

"HOUSEHOLD" Sewing Machine.

Which combines more good points than any ever before presented for public sale. All the parts of the "Household" are made with the utmost care, and are subjected to a thorough inspection with gauges, before being assembled.

Among the features which recommend the "Household" are the following: It is a high arm, giving ample room for any kind of work.

It is the easiest running shuttle machine ever made.

It has a large cylinder of great simplicity being open at one end thus allowing the bobbin to be removed without the aid of any of the parts. The friction holds an extra large amount of thread and runs loose in the shell, without spring centres or point bearings, insuring an even and automatic tension.

It has a loose fly-wheel attachment for filling the bobbin without running the machine, and the fly-wheel is nickle plated on all sides above No. 28.

Every running part of the machine is made of cast steel, hardened, thereby insuring great durability.

The treadle sets on anti-friction bearings, that run very light, and never need oiling. This saves the carpet from dirty grease spots so often found under other machines.

The stand is on four casters, so the machine can easily be moved for sweeping, or convenience of position.

Attachments for All Machines furnished on Short Notice.

WILLIAM WARREN, Opposite Postoffice, Heppner, Oregon.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will meet the tax-payers at the usual voting places, of the several precincts of Umatilla county, Oregon, on the days hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of collecting State and County taxes, for the year 1883:

crosswood, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 1 and 2, 1883. Juniper, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1883. Jacore, Thursday, Nov. 8, 1883. Milton, Friday, Saturday and Monday, Nov. 9, 10 and 12, 1883. Cottonwood, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1883. Plamerville, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1883. Fountain, Friday, Nov. 16, 1883. Weston, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 17, 18 and 20, 1883. Centerville, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 21, 22 and 23, 1883. Pendleton, from and after Nov. 24, 1883. Willow Springs, Thursday, Nov. 29, 1883. Camas, Saturday, Dec. 1, 1883. Upper Butter Creek, Monday, Dec. 2, 1883. Lewis, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1883. Heppner, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6, 7 and 8, 1883. Willow Creek (Geinger's), Monday, Dec. 10, 1883. Willow Creek (Seib's), Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1883. Wells Springs, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1883. Lower Butter Creek, Friday, Dec. 14, 1883. Meadows, Saturday, Dec. 15, 1883. Umatilla, Monday, Dec. 16, 1883.

All persons who have not been assessed for the year 1883 are requested to attend at the same time and place, and give in their assessment. Time for attending to business each day: From 9 a. m. till 4 p. m.

Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of October, 1883.

W. H. HERRÉN, Sheriff of Umatilla County.

NOTICE OF INTENTION. LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OR., Dec. 4, 1883.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before A. Mallory, Notary Public at Heppner, Or., on Jan. 7th, 1884, viz:

Edward Stinchfield, D. S. No. 5189, for the W 1/4 NE 1/4 and W 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 7, T. 33 N. R. 27 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuing residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Nelson Humenson, Samuel Smith, E. M. Matteson, Ben. Matteson, all of Heppner, Or.

H. W. DWIGHT, Register.

HENRY HEPNER, Alkali. HENRY BLACKMAN, Heppner.

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P. J. CREEDON,

Has opened up on May Street a Large and Complete Stock of Furniture, Consisting of

BEADSTEADES, CHAIRS, TABLES, SPRING BEDS, WASH STANDS, MATTRESSES, PICTURE FRAMES, LOOKING GLASSES, BUREAUS, ETC.

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