WEEKLY BUDGET

THURSDAY.....JANUARY 30, 1890

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THE WEATHER.

Cloudy weather has prevailed during the past week. Light shower Friday. A heavy wind from the south, hardly a real chinook, died away last Tuesday evening, after having gradually melted the snow. Rain began falling at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening and continued through the night. The sun shone through the clouds for a short time yesterday morning, but at 11 o'clock rain began falling and continued at intervals during the day. Temperatures for the week:

	7 A. M.	12 M.	6 P. M.
Thursday	19	27	27
Friday	36	43	39
Saturday	37	45	40
Sunday	45	46	38
Monday	43	47	46
Tuesday	46	52	49
Wednesday	49	54	41

BRIEF NOTES.

D. W. Kirk, formerly of this county, is now in business at Chehalis, Wash.

Take your five-gallon oil cans to the City drug store and have them filled with coal oil for $1.65 each.

The Lexington flour mill started up with the first thaw of Willow creek and is now grinding away in good shape.

H. Russell, who last week was thought to be recovering from his attack of lung fever, has become worse and is now dangerously ill.

Set going by the rain and the last of the melting snow, Black Horse canyon got on the rampage yesterday afternoon and sent down quite a stream.

Willow creek has been "freed from its icy bonds," etc.; in short it has thawed out and is now running down hill like any other well regulated stream.

At the meeting of D Company last Saturday night R. H. Whitson was elected first and J. L. Gibson second lieutenants, in place of E. T. Carr and G. W. Harris, resigned.

Stokes Kirk writes to Jeff from Riverside, Montana, under date of January 18th, that but eight inches of snow had fallen at that time, and the mercury was lingering at 35 degrees below zero.

Attorney J. N. Brown, of Heppner, visited Lexington last Friday. Messrs. Brown & Hamilton are becoming well and favorably known throughout the county and are working up a good practice.

S. B. Hope announces that on account of sickness he is at present unable to run the planing and chop mills, but expects soon to be on hand. Notice will be given as soon as he is able to return to duty.

The farmers are looking pretty bright. The snow melted so slowly that the resulting moisture was almost all absorbed by the soil before it could run off, and the subsequent rain is soaking down for future use.

W. G. Scott was down last week from his Willow Creek sawmill. He says logging has been very good this winter, and consequently has accumulated a large supply of logs already for the coming season's run.

The BUDGET doesn't want to shout too soon, but the prospects just now are certainly first-class for the farmers, and if the season continues as favorable as it has commenced, there'll be a smashing big crop this year.

A masquerade ball is announced to take place at Ione on Friday evening of next week. From the preparations being made for the ball and supper it is expected that there will be a large attendance and a jolly good time.

Those who have failed to receive California mail for some time will be glad to know that the revenue cutter Richard Rush left San Francisco last Tuesday with 25 pouches of letters and 275 sacks of papers. The snow blockade on the railroad still continues.

Another man hung his "stocking by the chimney with care" and was tickled almost to death to find that his good wife had anticipated his near at hand wants and filled the stocking with standard seeds, grown and put up by D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich., who, on application, will mail you free a copy of their seed annual for 1890.

Under the influence of a heavy south wind, which was hardly a full-blooded chinook, but just warm enough to melt the snow gradually, the white covering has disappeared from this vicinity except on a few north slopes. On the higher hills near timber considerable snow still remains, and in the mountains there is not yet much of a thaw.

The young men who remained at the armory after the dance on Wednesday evening of last week and worked off their superfluous enthusiasm by smashing property belonging to the O. N. G. have since learned a lesson that will do them good. They were promptly arrested, but paid the damages and costs rather than face the rather serious consequences in prospect. It was a pretty expensive "break," and the boys have learned that it pays best to enthuse within reasonable bounds, but they took their medicine good-naturedly and all is now serene.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A correspondent at Ione sends the following: The surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gienger last Friday evening was a success. At an early hour friends and neighbors commenced to arrive, and soon the house was filled to overflowing. Dancing was kept up until five o'clock the next morning, with an intermission at twelve o'clock to discuss the pie, cake, etc., supplied by our hostess. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Cora Allen, Miss Rena Gienger, Miss Nannie Teeters, Miss Carrie Wilson, Miss Flora Male, Misses Dona and Alice Ritchie, Misses Ollie and Millie Pettys, J. R. Allen, Robert Male, Dennis Allen, R. Lobdell, Joe Lieuallen, Jesse Lieuallen, Wm. Padberg, Samuel Ritchie, Henry Filkins, Albert Allen, Lewis Male, John Ritchie, John Loney, Roy Glasscock, Wm. Brown, Frank Loney, Mr. Johnson, Wm. Owens, Oscar Cochran and Wm. Rice. Music was furnished by Galen Faulkner and Levi Hill.

FORFEITURE AND REBATE.

Two Bills Introduced by Hon. Binger Hermann.

R. R. LANDS TO BE PURCHASABLE.

A Rebate of $200 for All Who Have Paid $400 for Their Claims.

Hon. Binger Hermann, Oregon's representative in the national legislature, has been himself a settler upon government lands, has worn moccasins and hickory shirts, and has undergone the hardships of the pioneer. In addition to his earnest wish to do his whole duty to the people of Oregon, which he has amply proven by his acts, this experience has given him an insight into the life of a settler and caused him to have a fellow feeling for those who take up the public lands and try to make homes for themselves where previous to their arrival the sod was broken only by the claws of the badger and ground squirrel. In former sessions of congress Mr. Hermann has worked hard for forfeiture of the unearned Northern Pacific land grant, but owing to circumstances which were beyond his control the measure has been defeated. He has strong hopes that the grant will be forfeited during the present session, however. If the long disputed grant should be restored to the public domain, the settlers may mark it down in black letters that to Binger Hermann, more than to any other one man in congress, will be due the credit for the immensely improved state of affairs which will result. The following bill has been introduced by Mr. Hermann in the house of representatives, read twice, referred to the committee on public lands and ordered printed:

A bill restoring to the United States certain of the lands granted to the Northern Pacific railroad company to aid in the construction of a railroad from Lake Superior to Puget sound, and to restore the same to settlement, from Wallula to Portland, and to protect rights of settlers.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That all the lands heretofore granted to the Northern Pacific railroad company by an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Lake Superior to Puget sound, on the Pacific coast, by the northern route," approved July 2, 1864, and subsequent acts and resolutions of congress which are adjacent or appertain to and are conterminous with that part of its main line which extends from Wallula junction, in Washington territory, to the city of Portland, in the state of Oregon, except such lands in the state of Washington as are conterminous with the branch line across the Cascade mountains, and which appertain to said branch line, be, and the same are, hereby resumed by the United States and restored to the public domain, and made subject to disposition and settlement under the general laws relating to the public lands, and at a price not exceeding $1.25 per acre.

SEC. 2. That in all cases where persons have settled upon any of the lands affected by said grant and hereby resumed by and restored to the United States, or have made improvements thereon with a bona fide intention of purchasing the same of the said Northern Pacific railroad company, such person, upon proving the same to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the general land office within twelve months from the passage of this act, shall be entitled to enter not more than 320 acres of said lands, including such person's settlement or improvement, at the rate of $1.25 per acre: *Provided*, That in all cases where parties, persons, or corporations, with the permission of said Northern Pacific railroad company, are in the possession of and have made improvements upon any of the lands hereby resumed and restored, and are not entitled to enter the same under the provisions of this act, such parties, persons, or corporations shall have six months in which to remove any growing crop, and within which time they also shall be entitled to remove all buildings and other movable improvements from said lands.

SEC. 3. That the price of even-numbered sections within the limits of said grant, conterminous with the portion of the road forfeited, is hereby reduced to $1.25 per acre, and the said lands are hereby restored to the public domain and made subject to settlement under the general laws relating to the public lands.

SEC. 4. That so much of all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

A fit companion to the above is the following, also introduced by Mr. Hermann, read twice, referred to the committee on public lands and ordered printed. By its provisions many a settler who paid $400 for his claim will receive, if the bill passes, a rebate of $200, which sum will be very acceptable and will fill a "long-felt want:"

A bill to reimburse settlers and purchasers on even-numbered sections of public lands within the limits of congressional grants in cases of forfeiture of odd-numbered sections.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That in all cases where any person or persons have purchased any part or portion of any even-numbered section of public lands of the United States within the limits of any congressional grant made in aid of any railroad, wagon-road, or other public enterprise, under any of the land laws of the United States, and have paid to the United States at the rate of $2.50 per acre for such lands so purchased, by reason solely because such even-numbered sections or parts of sections are within the limits of such congressional grant, and since the date of such purchase and payment the odd-numbered sections within such congressional grant, adjacent to and conterminous with such even-numbered section or parts of sections so purchased, have been or shall by the United States at any time hereafter be declared resumed or restored to the United States by reason of any failure upon the part of the grantee company to construct its road adjacent to and conterminous with such lands within the time specified in such grant, then, in each of such cases, upon application of the person or persons so purchasing parts or portions of such even-numbered sections as aforesaid, to the commissioner of the general land office, and making proof to the satisfaction of such commissioner of such payment, and of the facts herein stated, he or they shall be entitled to be reimbursed from the United States the sum of $1.25 per acre, in cash, for each and every acre so purchased by him or them, and for which the sum of $2.50 had been paid; and it shall be the duty in each of said cases of the commissioner of the general land office, if he finds such claimant entitled to re-imbursement under the provisions of this act, to issue his certificate to such claimant certifying such fact to the second comptroller of the treasury department, and stating therein the amount to which such claimant is entitled; and upon approval of such certificate by the second comptroller, and of the amount found to be due such claimant by the commissioner of the general land office, such amount shall, upon proper warrant and draft to be then issued in favor of such claimant, be paid by the treasurer of the United States upon presentation of proper draft therefor; and the amount necessary to meet all such claims for reimbursement under the provisions of this act is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

EIGHT MILE CENTER.

Neighborhood Items from our Regular Correspondent.

Mrs. Jake Young, of Gooseberry, is on the sick list.

Wm. Saling closed his school at Eight Mile Center on the 15th instant.

Jacob Johnson, of Gooseberry, is the proud father of a bouncing big boy.

The Eight Mile Center literary society has adjourned for an indefinite time.

There are quite a number of cases of the grip in this section of Eight Mile.

Miss Edna Fraser, of Lost Valley, is visiting relatives of Eight Mile Center.

Thos. Davidson, of Democrat gulch, is also the proud father of a fine big bright-eyed girl.

Farmers are beginning to look to the condition of their plows, expecting to use them soon.

Wm. Ingram is the happy father of a bright-eyed girl, who arrived on the 11th instant.

The date of the lyceum at the Hooker school house has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday night.

The supper at the Becket school house last Friday night, given by the losing party in a rabbit hunt, was a very pleasant affair.

Miss Belle Hooker, who has been stopping in Heppner the past winter, returned home last Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives.

J. C. Hayes took a flying trip to Heppner a few days ago in his new sleigh, but we fear he was somewhat late to find it pleasant sleighing, as the snow was mostly gone.

Mrs. A. M. Slocum will close her school at the Hooker school house on the 25th instant with a good attendance, notwithstanding the sickness and bad weather prevalent.

Ches. Haines, who returned from Colorado recently, has been expecting his brother from Denver for the past eight or ten days, and fears he has met with another accident, similar to the one some time ago, which may result in leaving him an invalid for life.

X. Y. Z.

EIGHT MILE CENTER, January 24, 1890.

STRANGE FISH.

A Correspondent Tells What He Found in the Well Spring.

For the BUDGET.

I have just returned from a fishing trip in the Well spring, and thought the readers of the BUDGET would like to know of my luck. I never was much of a fisherman, but this time I had the game in a small pond and had good luck in capturing it. I was hauling water from the spring on the Saturday before Christmas, and thought the water smelled a little fishy; but being a new-comer to this garden spot of God's green earth I said, "Mineral water, wife, pure mineral water." All went well until a few days ago, when I had to haul more water, but oh, gracious, more mineral, hiyu mineral! To-day I armed myself with a salmon hook and went to prospect. To my great surprise I drew from the bottom of the spring a grain sack, in which I found two large stones, a beef hide and the ears nicely packed. The mark was swallow-fork and under bit in right ear and slit in left, and on the right hip there was a piece cut out. Now this looks very strange to me, but I am not acquainted with the ways of Morrow county. Yet I do not suppose that anyone would kick if a man should kill a beef belonging to his neighbor, but in my country if a man should put the hide in a well from which people used water it would be called a mean, low-down, cowardly trick. But not wishing to talk about a anyone behind his back, I will quit till I get better acquainted.

TUCKY BILL.

WELL SPRING, Jan. 16, 1890.

OUT OF HIS BEAT.

While passing near J. B. Carmichael's place yesterday afternoon G. W. Sperry jumped up a strange animal which he at first thought was a coyote. His two dogs bounced it, and one of them was quickly sent howling, but the other got a throat hold and laid out his antagonist. The animal proved to be a lynx, forty inches long. Usually a lynx can stand off about half a dozen ordinary dogs, and this dog after his extraordinary feat will have nerve enough to tackle a cougar. Why the lynx was out among the bunchgrass hills, far from the mountains or timber, is a mystery.

UMATILLA COUNTY.

From the Pendleton Daily East Oregonian.

Another brass band is being organized in Pendleton.

Considerable freight for Pendleton merchants is now beginning to arrive.

The snow blockade is raised and trains will soon be running on schedule time.

Snow was reported five feet deep, on a level, in the Weston mountains before the thaw.

Property on Main street in Pendleton is for sale at figures ranging from $100 to $150 a front foot.

Whitefish are plentiful in the Umatilla river, and numbers are captured by the Pendleton small boy.

The neighboring hills are now nearly bare of snow. The chinook has been slow but thorough in its work.

Jack-rabbits are becoming a terrible pest in the country north of Pendleton, and are raising havoc with the haystacks of the farmers. Hundreds are slaughtered, but others "bob up serenely" to take the place of their dead comrades.

A correspondent writing from Echo on the 25th, says: A great many cattle are dying in this vicinity. If the cold stormy weather had continued three weeks longer, two-thirds of the cattle would have died. I have been informed that Cass Rogers has already lost over 100 head, Jesse Moore about the same number, and Sitton brothers a good many. Stock is very poor, and even when the snow is gone there will be no grass for them.

Weston Leader.

One of the most pressing needs of Weston is a bank.

The Weston normal school is meeting with substantial encouragement.

The lowest registered by the thermometer during the late cold spell was 10 below zero.

S. Doble is making preparations for the early removal of his sawmill from Wild Horse mountain to Pine creek, below town.

Charles McBride brought the mail up from Pendleton on the night of the 20th. This is the first mail received at Weston since January 11th.

During the afternoon of January 19th, on Wild Horse mountain, A. L. Barry was shot and killed by J. K. Davidson. A coroner's jury entirely exonerated Davidson.

NOT A SUCCESS.

The result described below by Mr. Crane is not very favorable for flax-growing. Still, one experiment can hardly be said to determine whether it would be a profitable crop here, and we would be glad to hear from any others who have had experience with flax either in this county or elsewhere:

EDITORS BUDGET: Some one has asked through your paper for information about growing flax. Last year, late in February, I think, I sowed 130 acres of summer fallow to wheat, oats and barley. Beside the wheat I planted one-eighth of an acre of flax, putting it in in the same manner and giving it in every respect an equal show with the other grains. The barley made 21 bushels per acre, the oats 10, the wheat three-quarters of a ton of hay per acre, while the flax, although making a good start, did not grow as much seed as was planted. All our ground this year will be sown; to rye 200 acres, wheat 250, and barley 50. We never sow in the spring except on summer fallow. Very truly,

C. B. CRANE.

ELLA, Or., January 27, 1890.

DELAYED FREIGHT.

To one who is easily affected by petty annoyances a position on the Willow Creek branch road at present must be one of constant irritation. It certainly cannot be very pleasant to be asked forty or fifty times a day, "Why doesn't my freight come up?" "When will it come?" All the same, there is said to be three or four carloads of freight at Arlington for this line, which cannot be moved by the rolling stock now on the road. It does not help matters to jaw the employes on the Willow Creek branch, who are not responsible for the delay, but a good strong kick sent to headquarters might bring a heavier engine that could haul up the freight now sleeping at Arlington.

Last evening, after the above was in type, the up train came in with two engines at the front and bringing the delayed freight. Smiles prevail among the business men, who are now busy unpacking goods.

Cat in the Mail.

Postmaster McAlister was somewhat surprised one night this week by finding a cat in the Arlington mail sack. It was not the genuine article, however, but an excellent imitation in rubber, and showed marks of having been the plaything of some child. No wrapper or direction accompanied it, and the inference is that the Arlington postmaster's second assistant is now mourning its loss.

BORN.

JONES—In Heppner, January 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Jones, a son.

JOHNSON—Near Gooseberry, January 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Johnson, a son.

MISSELDINE—In Black Horse canyon, January 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Misseldine, a son.

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Matteson Precinct	Monday,	February	3, 1890
Dairy "	Tuesday,	"	4, "
Eight Mile "	Wednesday,	"	5, "
Dry Fork "	Thursday,	"	6, "
Ione "	Friday,	"	7, "
Cecil "	Saturday,	"	8, "
Castle Rock "	Monday,	"	10, "
Well Springs "	Tuesday,	"	11, "
Alpine "	Wednesday,	"	12, "
Pine City "	Thursday,	"	13, "
Lena "	Friday,	"	14, "
Lexington "	Saturday,	"	15, "
Heppner "	Monday,	"	17, "

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