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BRIEF NOTES.

Farmers are confident of an abundant harvest. There are three prisoners in the Grant county jail. The indebtedness of Union county is about \$85,000. New subscribers to the Budget are constantly coming in.

G. W. Brock, of Lexington, is visiting his children on Dairy ridge. Miss Brim, of Slaughter, Wash., is visiting the family of Eli Sumner. The measles are prevalent in several towns in different parts of the state.

It is expected that J. L. Gibson will be appointed station agent at Lexington. Charlie Lewis drove down from Lexington's southern suburb last Monday. Ten thousand sheep have been purchased in Crook county for the Nebraska market.

Local politics keep pace with the weather and grow warmer as June approaches. A young lady, Miss Rosa Green, is a candidate for school superintendent of Douglas county. The Oregon Presbytery has decided that candidates for ministerial license must not use tobacco.

Dan Summer returned from Tacoma last Monday evening. He thinks the place is over-boomed. Communications from Dry Fork and Jordan Fork were received too late for publication this week. George Lewis speared and took in out of the wetness of Willow creek five fine, large salmon one day this week.

Those who leave Morrow county in search of a better farming country usually return satisfied to remain here. H. J. Hale, formerly of Lexington, but now in business at Pendleton, has gone on a visit to his old home in Kentucky. The postoffice at Lena has been discontinued. Hereafter mail intended for that neighborhood should be directed to Galloway.

The Evans brothers, whose farm is north of Lexington, finished plowing last Saturday, having broken 400 acres this spring. While the prospect was flattering before, the recent showers have made a heavy crop in Morrow county almost an assured fact. Pat Quaid passed through Lexington last Tuesday morning with a band of sheep which he has been wintering on the Columbia.

The fishermen's strike on the Columbia has been settled on a basis of equal concessions on both sides. The price per fish is now \$1. The East Oregonian says 158 coyotes have been killed in Umatilla county and their scalps presented for bounty within the past two months. In his trip around the world George Francis Train has made extraordinary time so far and expects to finish in a total of sixty-two days.

A cyclone passed through three townships in Kansas last Saturday, hurling houses and barns into fragments and injuring a number of persons. The heaviest hail storm ever witnessed in that section occurred in the Sacramento valley, Cal., last Saturday. Much damage was done to the fruit crops. Hon. R. A. Miller, democratic candidate for congress, and Prof. A. Leroy, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, spoke at Heppner last evening.

The senior Evans took the train this morning for the young and flourishing burg of New Walla Walla, in Umatilla county, where he is interested in ten acres of valuable town lots. Several persons were killed, others injured and much property destroyed by cyclones last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Wilson county, Kansas, and different parts of Pennsylvania. J. W. Matlock, democratic candidate for county treasurer, visited Lexington last Monday. His general appearance and demeanor created a favorable impression with the citizens of this place.

The strike last week on the main line between Umatilla and Portland was caused by a reduction of \$2.50 per trip in the wages of freight conductors and \$2 per trip on brakemen. The company caved. Lexington will celebrate the 4th of July in an appropriate manner. The arrangements will be under the supervision of the Lexington band, who will see that the preparations for the event are complete in every particular. Last Saturday Akron, Ohio, was struck by a terrific cloudburst and tornado which swept through the city with destructive violence, demolishing many buildings and damaging a still greater number. Several persons were injured. Next Sunday the steamer Harvest Queen will shoot the rapids at the Cascades. An excursion train for those who wish to see the feat will go down the road on that day, leaving Heppner at 7 A. M. The round trip fare will be \$2.50. On complaint of Ed. Holland, for larceny of cattle, Constable Boon last week arrested Dennis Allen about forty miles below Arlington and William Allen on lower Sand Hollow. They were taken to Heppner, and last Monday were bound over in the sum of \$200 each. At Seattle, last Sunday, two circus elephants refused to go on board a steamer, broke away from their keepers and went on a "tear" through the city, causing no end of excitement and a genuine elephant hunt. With considerable difficulty they were finally captured. Emory Hodson and his bride received a royal welcome home last Saturday evening. They were met at the depot by many friends, including the Lexington brass band, of which Emory is a member, and were greeted with the hand's best efforts as the train rolled in. With martial music they were then escorted to their new home, and later were serenaded by the band. The young couple begin their married life under favorable conditions and with the good wishes of the entire community.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT.

A Report of Business Transacted at the May Term.

H. N. Anderson appointed supervisor of road district No. 7, in place of T. F. Barton, resigned.

Rebate allowed Arthur Coffin on exemption of \$300, less state tax. Rebate also allowed P. C. Grubbe on poll tax.

W. W. Kennedy, John Downing and I. E. Withers appointed to investigate as to cost, etc., for proposed bridge on Thirty Mile creek, at John Maddock's place, and report at July term of court.

Petition of George Henston et al., for change of Hoover creek county road, defeated by remonstrance.

Petition of L. J. Goodrich et al., for county road No. 59, granted. George Rasnus, J. S. Turner and M. Chambers appointed viewers; H. G. Hurlburt, surveyor; to meet May 20th.

Petition of F. S. Easton et al., for county road No. 60, granted. J. M. Campbell, T. C. Keizer and D. Rice appointed viewers; W. W. Kennedy, surveyor; to meet May 19th.

Petition of Henry Heidman et al., for county road No. 61, granted. George Bowley, Charles Lillie and J. Frizzell appointed viewers; W. W. Kennedy, surveyor; to meet May 26th.

Petition of R. W. Crane et al., for county road No. 62, granted. Charles Lillie, George Gibbons and R. E. Graham appointed viewers; W. W. Kennedy, surveyor; to meet June 3d.

Petition of S. McElvey et al., for county road No. 63, granted. Charles Lillie, George Gibbons and R. E. Graham appointed viewers; W. W. Kennedy, surveyor; to meet June 3d.

Petition of Ed. Morgan et al., for change of road districts, continued to January term, on account of one change having already been made this year.

Petition of P. Shelly, for liquor license, denied, there being insufficient number voters on petition and bond defective.

Rebate allowed Wm. Irwin, who pays taxes in Sherman county. Rebate also allowed George Lieler on mortgage tax. In the case of Mrs. Estes, an aged invalid, it was ordered that the county judge be authorized to have her sent to a hospital at Portland, providing her condition will permit.

BILLS ALLOWED.

Table listing bills allowed with names and amounts, such as Geo. W. McCoy, deed record \$15.00, O. S. Ehl, wood 14.50, etc.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Silas French—Final settlement and filing affidavit of publication. Estate of J. J. Brown—T. G. Woodland, D. B. Trimble and L. B. Townsend appointed appraisers.

MY FRIEND.

Not he who presses closely to my side, When fortune smiles on me and joy is mine, Not he who brings his laurel sprays to twine Among the flowers with which fame decks his bride.

Not he who names my name in conscious pride, And bows his willow devotee about my shrine, Eager in my love-russet to shine, Not he! No; one like him shall not abide.

But he who holds me fast through grief and pain, Though troubles deepen and disgrace portend, Through shame of poverty, through men's disdain, My life from peril or my name from stain, Braving the world for me; he is my friend.—Emma C. Davis, in Blyden's Magazine.

PARADOXICAL.

Through strange it may sound, Yet I firmly insist, Faith often is found, Where it doesn't exist.—Chicago Herald.

GILLIAM COUNTY ITEMS.

From the Fossil Journal. The political campaign promises to be very lively. The spring ride for cattle will commence on the 15th instant.

There is talk of the various county nominees of both parties making a tour of the county, and having along some good speakers. The Baptists of Fossil have made application to the Baptist Church Extension society for the sum of \$250 to assist in building their church here.

There are lots of timber culture filings being made now by parties who want to avail themselves of their rights before the doors are closed to them by the repeal of the act. Mr. Torrey, agent for A. V. Poase, was in Fossil this week sub-letting mail contracts. Charles McKenzie took the route to Antelope, and it is expected that Hugh Coston will be the carrier.

A match game of baseball at Mayville on the 3d instant between the Fossil and Mayville clubs resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 28 to 24. The next game will probably be played at Fossil. Resolutions were recently passed by Mayville and Bigelow granges declaring those organizations to be opposed to any legislative candidates who are not in favor of the Australian ballot system and the election of United States senators by the people. They are also opposed to candidates who favor corporations.

The stockmen's spring ride for horses has commenced in this part of Gilliam. The first camp was at the cattle corral near the forks of Deep creek. Messrs. Bridges, Barnard, Mahlon, Hall, Perin, Steiner, Rose, Stewart, Turpie and others were represented in person or by agents in the ride. The principal object of the round up is to gather horses for breeding purposes and also for breaking.

Stock has fattened this spring faster than usual. Some attribute this to the fact that the buffalo-grass is taking the place of the bunchgrass in places where the latter has been overstocked or fed too closely by sheep. This buffalo-grass matures earlier than the bunchgrass, and has run up to seed some time ago. It is said to be a better early grass than the bunchgrass, but it dries out sooner, and does not compare favorably with the bunchgrass for fall and winter feed.

GILLIAM COUNTY.

Brief Description of Our Thrifty Neighbor on the West.

Gilliam county was created by an act of the legislature of Oregon on February 28, 1880, and before the organization of the county Governor Moody appointed the following named persons as officers: J. W. Smith, county judge; A. H. Weatherford and W. W. Steiwar, county commissioners; J. A. Blakey, sheriff; Jay F. Lucas, clerk; H. O. Condon, treasurer; T. J. Cartwright, assessor; H. H. Hendricks, school superintendent; H. G. Hurlburt, surveyor.

The selection of officers proved to be well made, and good selections have been made since, so that the county affairs have been executed in a creditable and satisfactory manner. The county court has been composed of careful and competent men who have managed the finances in such a manner as to keep the county free from debt and the rate of taxation low.

Gilliam county is situated and bounded as follows: On the north by the Columbia river, on the west by the John Day river, on the south by the John Day river and Grant county, and on the east by Morrow county. It contains about 1622 square miles, and has an average width of about 25 miles and in length is about 72 miles.

The county generally is well watered, with the exception of the Schuttler Flat section, where most of the farmers are compelled to haul water. The county is mainly rolling, with fertile valleys and equally fertile uplands. The principal industry of the county heretofore has been stock-raising, but that is now fast giving way to the plow. In most sections all kinds of grain grow and yield well. Fruit does very well indeed.

The county contains the following named postoffices: Arlington, Blalock, Olex, Condon, Ajax, Shelby, Clem, Matney, Lost Valley, Lone Rock, Fossil, Mayville and Crown Rock. The principal towns are Arlington and Blalock, situated on the extreme north side; Olex, about 17 miles south of Arlington; Condon, near the center of the county; Mayville and Fossil further south, and Lone Rock in the southeast portion.

Arlington is the main shipping point for the county, being situated on the Columbia river and on the main line of the Union Pacific railroad. While this place is not as prosperous as in former days, yet it is quite a lively town, and much business is done there. The contest for county seat is now between this place and Condon; and while it is impossible to foretell the result, each town hopes for victory. Arlington has a good system of water works, which might well be imitated by larger towns, and since the completion of same it has felt comparatively safe from fire. From sad experience it has felt the need of such protection heretofore. Water of the Columbia river is navigable; Arlington would be one of the best towns in the county.

Blalock is now little more than a station on the railroad, but a few years ago it was, however, quite a shipping point, being backed by a very extensive and fertile farming region. The Blalock section boasts of the largest farm in the county, owned by Dr. N. G. Blalock, where he now has in successful operation a permanent steam plow.

Olex is a small village, situated on Rock creek, in a beautiful valley which gives to the weary traveler the appearance of an oasis. Here there is some business done. J. A. Crum runs a flouring mill quite successfully at this place. Condon is a young town on the bunchgrass hills, north of Thirty Mile creek. It is located in the midst of a fine farming and stock country. The people of Condon are displaying much pluck and enterprise in working for the advancement and interest of their town, where considerable business is done. The alluring topic of interest to the people of Condon is the coming county seat contest, and they feel confident of success.

Mayville is a small town, south of Thirty Mile and about seven miles north of Fossil. It is situated in the garden spot of the county, being surrounded by fine farming land of very productive character. The people are prosperous, contented and living well. Fossil, the principal town of southern Gilliam, is on Butte creek. This is a very thriving, bustling place, full of energy and push. It is the supplying point for quite a scope of territory, and is surrounded by a large stock-raising country, with numerous fertile valleys, where fruit and grain are raised in abundance. The Fossil people are devoted to the interests of their town, which is destined to become a much larger place. The Journal, the only newspaper in Gilliam county, is published here, and is one of the newest and best edited papers in eastern Oregon.

Lone Rock is a small village, in the southeastern part of the county. It is nestled in between the bunchgrass hills in the beautiful and fertile Lone Rock valley, presenting a pretty and picturesque appearance. The valley contains some fine farms and is the home of many well-to-do stockmen. Gilliam county has a population of perhaps 6,500. It has twelve voting precincts, with a population of about 1,200 in the smallest and the largest of the county is republican by about 200 majority. There is 4 1/2 miles of railroad track in the county, from which quite a revenue is derived. The county has a good class of schools, with live and energetic teachers, who are progressive in their methods of instruction. Much credit is due the present superintendent, W. W. Kennedy, for his well-directed efforts to keep the public schools up to a high standard. There are also quite a number of churches of various denominations throughout the county.

The assessable property in the county in 1879 was \$1,627,772, and \$1,652,139 in 1880. The people of Gilliam county are a thrifty and energetic class and are good citizens, there being very little criminal business on the court docket. The partial failure of crops last year and the loss of stock last winter have been rather severe on farmers, but they have grit and perseverance, and with a fair season this year they will be placed on a solid footing. There is yet room for many good citizens in Gilliam county, where they can find fertile land and establish homes.

No Horse Sense.

He was way up in anatomy, and a judge of fossil bones. He could give the exact dimensions of a whistle from its tones; And although on natural history he was perfect, so to speak, You should see the awful beast he got when he bought a horse last week.—Trove Haute Express.

Prosperity and Poverty.

Two merchants dealing side by side, For getting trade the first relied On advertising far and wide; To other methods to obtain The golden prize he sought to gain. Upon the first the dollars rain; The other merchant waited.—Chicago Herald.

A WIDE-AWAKE MERCHANT.

James W. Smith, of Arlington, is one of those wide-awake merchants who recognize the fact that advertising pays. See his advertisements in this paper. Those who are attracted to his place of business by his advertisements always continue to be his patrons, for they find that he is a man of his word, deals strictly on the square, treats all comers with courtesy and fairness, and gives full value for investments. He is known and liked throughout Gilliam and Morrow counties as a man who "wears well" on long acquaintance.

Angel Cake.

She looked with dismay at the result of her baking, And remarked, with tears in her eyes, "If this is really angel cake I have been making. Then why in the world don't it rise?"—Trove Haute Express.

But no, with it all there was nothing surprising, Nothing to make her eyes grow dim, Till her lover arose, and he did the rising; For she made an angel of him.—New York Herald.

"This House For Sale," the placard read, A Kansas cyclone struck the place— And, sure enough, it did.—Whiteville Herald.

DO YOU? DO YOU GET THE BENEFIT OF J. W. SMITH'S LOW PRICES! If not, you are unfortunate, for you are handicapped in your business. Our Stock, Prices and Facilities are beyond comparison with anything in Gilliam or Morrow Counties. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED ONE CAR OF THE HAINES OREGON HEADERS, ANOTHER CARLOAD BEING MANUFACTURED FOR US. WE HAVE THESE (THE FINEST HEADERS MADE) BOTH IN WOOD AND STEEL FRAME. We have sold these Headers for years, every one giving the best of satisfaction. It is to be hoped that our friends will not be misled into buying inferior machines by the well conned tales of irresponsible traveling salesmen. We also have two sizes of the STANDARD REAPERS AND MOWERS, Which are far ahead of the old-style machines. THE STANDARD SIX-FOOT CUT is warranted to cut just as easy as other small mowers, and can be handled much easier. Why cut four feet when a spar of horses will as easily cut six feet with this improved machine? REMEMBER, ARLINGTON IS HEADQUARTERS, and is the place for you to trade. If you are longer on the road, you can save five times over for your time. Remember, also, that we buy many Goods from the manufacturers that no other house in this region can, thus saving much to our customers, and enabling us to offer merchants many Goods here at prices asked by Portland jobbers. J. W. SMITH, Arlington, Oregon.

YOU WILL FIND GOOD ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE LEXINGTON HOTEL, J. W. REDFORD, Propr.

FIRST-CLASS FARE POPULAR PRICES. THE TABLE IS ALWAYS SUPPLIED WITH the best in the market. Careful attention paid to the wants of guests. No Chinese employed. The house is kept in the neatest possible manner. BOARD, PER WEEK \$4 00 BOARD AND LODGING \$5 00 SINGLE MEALS 25 LODGINGS, 25 AND 50 CTS.

DAVIS & BURGOYNE, PROPRIETORS OF THE LEXINGTON FLOUR MILL. KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND THE VERY BEST QUALITY WHITE AND GRAHAM FLOUR, GERM AND CORN MEAL.

Bran, Middlings, Shorts & Chop In quantities to suit. Flour in Exchange for Wheat at Reasonable Rates. Grain Chopped to Order at all Times. THE FLOUR TURNED OUT AT OUR MILL will bear comparison with the best made, and our prices are put at the lowest figures consistent with a legitimate business. Agency of the Northwest Insurance Company. Reduced Ticket Rates East.

WANTED—PRACTICAL MEN TO INVESTIGATE the advantages of Lexington as a location for a sorghum mill.

WESTERN STOCKMAN AND CULTIVATOR OF OMAHA, NEB. Consolidated with Rural Nebraska, American Cattle Journal and Nebraska Cultivator. A Journal for the Farm and Home. Twenty Years Old! ALL DEPARTMENTS COMPLETE. It has vigorous and able Editorials. It gives the latest Farm Notes and Market Reports. Its Contributed Articles, by leading writers, give most valuable information for Farmers, Arboriculturists, Florists, Gardeners and Stockmen. Every farmer needs an agricultural journal. Every farmer in the west ought to have the Western Stockman and Cultivator. ONE DOLLAR A YEAR. We will send the Western Stockman and Cultivator and the Budget both one year for only \$1.25. Apply at this office.

EXAMINE OUR CUT SHOE IT SHOWS HOW ALL WAVERLY SCHOOL SHOES ARE MADE. BEST SOLID SOLE LEATHER. STITCHED WITH SILK. LOW BROAD HEEL. STURDIEST HEEL SEAM THAT CAN BE USED.

DO YOU WANT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS? IF YOU HAVE Proved Up on Your Pre-emption and Paid \$100, IT MAY BE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO CALL AT THIS OFFICE.

PERSONAL—TO REACH THE BEST LOCALITY for business or farming, take the Willow Creek branch at Arlington and buy your ticket for Lexington. PERSONAL—THE MAN WHO WANTS to sell his claim will call at this office he will hear of something to his advantage. FOUND—A SMALL MEMORANDUM BOOK. Owner can have same by applying at this office and proving property. LOST—THE KEY TO SUCCESS, BY A farmer who cultivates discontent instead of corn and potatoes. As former owner has no use for it at present, finder will please keep it polished by use until called for. BARGAINS IN BUSINESS LOTS CAN BE obtained at the Budget office. PERSONAL—THE CAPITALIST WHO HAS control of one dollar can hear of a profitable investment by calling at the Budget office.

WANTED—MORE FARMERS TO SETTLE in Morrow county and hasten the day which is sure to come—when this will be one of the richest agricultural regions in the North west. FIFTY-TWO NUMBERS OF THE LEXINGTON WEEKLY BUDGET for \$1. If you are not taking it, subscribe for it; subscribe now. LOST—SEVERAL CHRONIC CROAKERS who have been in the habit of constantly abusing this country as a farming district. Finder will please keep under lock and key. KEEP IN MIND THE FACT THAT LEXINGTON is in the midst of a fine farming country and that now is the time to locate here. WANTED—EASTERN AND WESTERN farmers to know that in Morrow county can be found free vacant land and improved claims for sale cheap, and that the soil here cannot be excelled. ONLY ONE DOLLAR—IN ADVANCE—FOR fifty-two numbers of your local paper, the LEXINGTON WEEKLY BUDGET.