

LOCAL NEWS.

Alexander Zevely of Bonanza was in town Monday.

The telegraph wires are up between this place and Keno.

N. S. Merrill of Merrill made a business visit to the Falls Tuesday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Fish at Merrill last week.

The remarkably good health which usually prevails in this country, is said to be occasioned by the absolute purity of the water.

The abundant fall of snow last week was a sure guarantee of big crops next fall, and was worth thousands of dollars to stock men and farmers.

To show due reverence to the recent snowfall, we would suggest to tourists the propriety of postponing trips to Crater lake for a few weeks at least.

We notice on a railroad map contemplated lines from four different directions running to Klamath Falls. Being modest in our wants, if we can only get one we shall be satisfied.

If the Judgment day should come off at this time of snow blockade, we would not be apt to know it until spring, owing to the inability of Gabriel and his trump getting across the mountains.

Joe Wilson, John Fruits, J. L. Case and O. McClure of Adin, Cal., are here fishing in the Klamath lake through the ice. On the shore they have a tent where they sleep and a stove to cook their grub.

The Odd Fellow and Rebecca lodges at Klamath Falls will this evening have a joint session for the installation of officers. After the installation, the members will have at the opera house a banquet and dance, at which only Rebeccas, Odd Fellows and their wives and visiting members are expected to attend.

Mr. Yaden, the mail contractor who has with a force of men and teams been at work for several days opening the road on the Ashland route, returned Tuesday afternoon. He reports the work progressing favorably, and that in a very few days the road would be open for use. Up to yesterday this place has been without a mail on that line for a week.

On the mountains in the vicinity of Spencer creek the late storm is reported to have distributed six feet of snow on the level, besides piling up, with appropriate intervals, banks varying in depth from ten to twenty feet. It is believed the deposit of snow increases as one proceeds—if he can proceed—from Spencer creek towards the summit of the mountains.

The Eastern Star had installation of officers and a banquet Tuesday night. After the formal ceremonies and the repast of rich viands, a couple of hours were devoted to games and general sociability. All had a good time. The Eastern Star comprises a genial, jolly crowd, whose hospitality equals one's highest expectations.

On Friday evening of last week in the Degree of Honor lodge A. O. U.

W. of this place, the following members were duly installed as officers: Miss E. Huse, P. C. H.; Mrs. Taylor, C. H.; Mrs. Hammond, L. H.; Mrs. Benson, C. C.; Miss Greta Marple, R.; Geo. T. Baldwin, receiver; Judge Benson, financier; Miss Flora Schallock, usher; Ky Taylor, outside guard.

With the abundance of feed and suitable shelter, there have been no losses of live stock as a result of the heavy snow. Ranchers were generally well prepared for the extraordinary event. As to the benefits of the storm we are told that they are inestimable. The excessive moisture will replenish lakes and streams and give the soil a soaking that assures big crops. It is certainly of signal value to both the farming and grazing lands of the county.

Bob Oglesby, the stage driver who was arrested at Lakeview on Christmas eve for robbing the mail, and who afterwards confessed himself guilty of the crime, arrived at Klamath Falls on Friday of last week in custody of U. S. Marshal Humphrey, on the way to Portland for trial before the U. S. district court. Soon after his arrest at Lakeview, he made confession of guilt and told where he had concealed a part of the stolen letters, being the mail from Silver Lake, and these the sheriff was able to find. As to the missing mail from Palsley, the prisoner said he had burned it. The total amount of money stolen was \$77.90. Oglesby stated that when he is arraigned before the U. S. court, he will plead guilty. The penalty prescribed by the U. S. statutes in cases like this is from two to ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

The Lakeview Examiner of January 3d states that "George H. Nickerson returned to Lakeview from the desert last Sunday after having completed his contract with the United States government in surveying ten townships of land. His survey established the boundary line between Lake and Harney counties, and about three-fourths of the land surveyed is in Harney county. The survey was principally in the Rock Creek and North Warner sections, and near Albert Lake. Mr. Nickerson has been five months doing the work with a force of seven men. In his travels over this great field he encountered in some places great tracts of fine bunch-grass. While the land surveyed is one great domain of grazing land, Mr. Nickerson says there is an occasional tract that would make a good home. In these ten townships there are 320 sections or 230,400 acres of land. As soon as Mr. Nickerson's final report is filed at Washington, maps and plats will be made by the government and forwarded to the Lakeview land office, and the land will be open for entry."

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