

LOCAL NEWS.

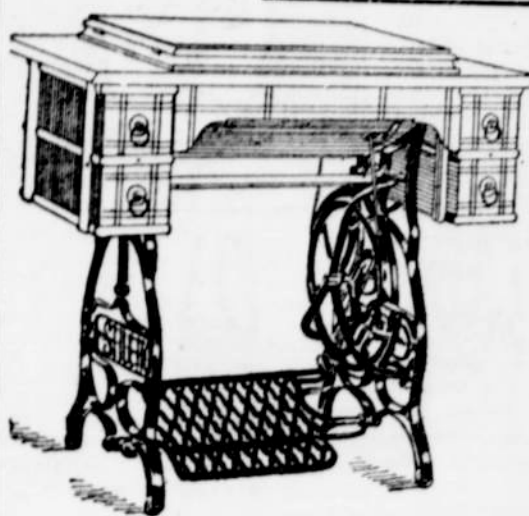
Monday was St. Patrick's day. The Examiner reports the burning of 1375 coyote scalps at Lakeview one day recently. Mitchell Bros. drove a large band of cattle through here Saturday morning en route to the railroad. The roads have greatly improved the past week and stages have been enabled to make better time. The county clerk issued a marriage license Saturday to Mr. Charley Wyly and Miss Lina Wilkerson, both of Merrill. Remember and attend the grand benefit ball for the ladies' band Friday evening, April 4. Good time guaranteed. Rev. D. T. Summerville, presiding elder, expects to arrive here this evening en route to Ft. Klamath and other points to hold quarterly meetings. Candidates are busily engaged these days fixing up their political fences and getting into shape to be dealt with by the convention next Saturday. Mrs. John Hammond of Paisley, Lake county, died on Monday of last week at a hospital at Salem, where she had gone a few weeks before for medical treatment. North and South Dakota and Manitoba experienced the worst blizzard in many years last Friday and Saturday. Trains were stalled and business was suspended. H. C. Messenger who shot J. P. Cotton near Ashland on Tuesday of last week had a preliminary hearing Wednesday and was bound over to the circuit court with bonds fixed at \$1,500. James McHale of Antigo, Wis., has been here the past few weeks inspecting a body of 4700 acres of timber with a view of buying. Mr. McHale departed for home Tuesday morning. The sociable and entertainment given by the Ladies aid society of the M. E. church on Wednesday evening of last week netted \$15, which amount is to be applied on church insurance. Geo. T. Baldwin, chairman of the democratic county committee, has given notice that Klamath county democrats will hold their primaries on the 29th inst. and their convention April 5th. Immigration to Oregon this spring is reported to be 180 per cent larger than it was a year ago. The influx of new settlers from the East, now commenced, will continue steadily until the 1st of May. Three hundred pounds of oats were stolen from Rev. Harbit's granary last week. It is certainly the lowest type of thief that will steal from a preacher. It is as surprising as would be theft from a newspaper. A traveling advertiser was arrested at Medford last week charged with posting bills without a license and was fined \$20 and costs. The New York company employing him instructed him to fight the city to the end. A ball will be given in Houston's opera house on the evening of April 4th for the benefit of a ladies' brass band which has been lately organized here. The laudable undertaking of the young ladies should be encouraged. The calico ball given under the auspices of the Daughters of Rebeccah Friday night was an enjoyable occasion, though not so largely attended as it would have been had the weather been more pleasant and the roads more passable. Freighters Mitchell and Joe Moore arrived from Ager with big loads of goods for local merchants Tuesday. Mr. Moore reports that work on the new railroad is progressing and that the blasting of rock in preparing the grade can be heard for many miles. Jim Smith, charged with breaking into O. A. Stearns' residence and stealing a pair of chaparajos worth \$15, was given a preliminary examination before Judge Willits Tuesday and was held to the circuit court with bonds fixed at \$300, in default of which he was committed to jail. Medford Mail: Charles F. Kiernan, son of Jas. Kiernan of Medford, will be one of the graduates of St. Mary's College, Oakland, Calif., in May. The young man stands very high in his class, a very recent report showing a general average of 92.4, and Mr. Kiernan is justly proud of his record. Judge Benson has rendered a decision in the case McCail vs. Porter, a suit for injunction in Lake county. The trouble grew out of the use of the water in Buck creek. Plaintiff asked that defendant be restrained from absorbing the eastern channel of said stream and the injunction was granted. T. H. Moore, the grocer, has bought from the state 480 acres of

land that will be watered by the proposed new ditch. He has also secured a valuable timber claim in this vicinity and is figuring on other investments in real estate. He is thus showing his firm faith in the development of this county in the near future. J. O. Hamaker informs us that if the projected telephone line connecting Ashland, Klamath Falls and Lakeview passes through Bonanza the residents of Langell Valley propose to build a 40-mile line in that locality, connecting with the main system at Bonanza. This enterprise would be of signal benefit to ranchers in Langell Valley. Mrs. Benjamin Young of Astoria, mother of Mrs. F. D. Reames of this place, died of cancer of the peritonium in a hospital at Portland last Friday. Mrs. Reames went to Portland several weeks ago to be at the bedside of her sick mother. In her sad bereavement, Mrs. Reames will receive the cordial sympathy of Klamath Falls friends. Lakeview Examiner: The county court has given J. A. Anthony permission to construct and maintain a line for the transmission of electricity from the State Line at New Pine Creek along the thoroughfare to Lakeview. It is understood that Mr. Anthony has secured the power in Pine Creek and it is understood that he will generate electric power for electric lights and milling purposes both at New Pine Creek and Lakeview. Rev. M. Falk Gjertsen of Minneapolis who was here for about two weeks last fall, made a flying visit the first of the week. While here he purchased a block in Ewauna Heights addition of J. G. Pierce for \$700. He will return here in May with many of his friends who will probably locate and become permanent factors in the farming districts. Rev. Gjertsen and his son-in-law, Wm. Fisher of Pittsburg, will have residences built on the property they bought, during the summer. A largely attended meeting of ranchers interested in the success of the proposed canal to tap Upper Klamath lake was held in Merrill last Saturday and plans and means to further the enterprise were discussed. All in attendance were enthusiastically in favor of the project and declared their intention to give it substantial support. Another meeting will be held April 19, when it is expected plans will be in shape for execution. The work of making surveys and estimates and getting the promises of ranchers in tangible form is now in progress. Lakeview people believe they have been wrestling lately with a series of earthquakes. The first shock occurred Thursday night, two weeks ago, and was followed by one Saturday night, two Sunday and one Monday night. The Examiner says the "Saturday evening shock rattled" things up considerably—including the nerves of the more timid people. Some believe that the quake widened the breach in the south wall of the Odd Fellows hall, of the Field building, while others who have been watching the breach think the wall was not affected much by the quake. According to the Examiner, the experience disturbed the equanimity of Lakeview people a great deal. No earthquake was felt here, and it is possible our neighbors have been suffering from hallucinations superinduced, perhaps, by a change of drinks. PERSONAL. A. C. Spence of Rock creek was in town this week. Rev. N. J. Harbit will preach at Peard next Sunday. R. M. C. Brown of Round lake was a Falls visitor Tuesday. Hon. R. A. Emmitt of Keno visited this place Tuesday. Chas. Drew of Dairy arrived in Klamath Falls yesterday. W. W. Hazen arrived home yesterday from a trip to Lakeview. J. O. and J. D. Hamaker of Bonanza visited in Klamath Falls yesterday. C. H. Withrow departed Friday morning on a business trip to Klamath, Calif. A. F. Hunt and H. V. Mitchell were arrivals from Ashland the latter part of last week. C. A. Bunting, one of the leading stockmen of Bly, was at the Falls on business last Thursday. Attorneys Mills and Leavitt were in Merrill Saturday on business in connection with the ditch meeting. C. D. Wilson and wife returned last week from San Francisco where the latter has been receiving medical treatment in a hospital. Dr. T. V. Hall of Lakeview was here Saturday on his way to New York City, where he goes to take a three months' course of lectures in a medical college. J. N. High and wife of Washington, D. C., arrived here the first of the week. Mr. High was agent at Klamath Agency thirty years ago,

his term expiring just before the outbreak of the Modoc war. He is impressed with the many changes and improvements in this county. F. Farrar who has been in California the past three years, arrived here Sunday on his return. He has been traveling in California for the benefit of his health. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lewis departed Tuesday morning for San Francisco, where Mr. Lewis will enter a hospital for medical treatment. Failing health of late has prompted him to take this step. TRAGEDY NEAR ASHLAND. A dispatch from Ashland to the Oregonian of the 12th inst, gives the following account of a quarrel and shooting which took place near there on Tuesday of last week: As a result of a dispute over the settlement of accounts, H. C. Messenger and J. P. Cotton, both sawmill men and well known, quarreled at Cotton's Mill, three miles west of Ashland, this forenoon, and Messenger shot and fatally wounded Cotton. Cotton is alive yet, but cannot survive his wounds. Messenger came to Ashland and gave himself into the custody of the officers at once. Messenger has been operating Cotton's mill under a lease for more than a year past, and their business relations, ran along fairly smooth until a few weeks ago, when, in trying to effect a settlement, there was a difference of about \$400 between the men. Yesterday, Messenger sent his men to the mill to resume work and to haul lumber to Ashland. They found the place placarded with notices warning them away. Today, Messenger went to the mill in person with his men, and there were two witnesses to the tragedy that followed. Messenger asserts that Cotton struck him in the face and was reaching for a club with which to renew the assault, when he (Messenger) drew his revolver and fired. The bullet cut through the fleshy part of the right arm and entered the left side, lodging in the spine, paralysis of the entire body from the dorsal region down ensuing. Cotton has partially rallied from the shock of the wound, but his condition is critical. Deputy District Attorney Reames went to the scene this evening and took the injured man's deposition, and Messenger, who is in the custody of the officers, will have a hearing in the Justice Court tomorrow morning. Messenger has been engaged in the planing mill and lumber business here for many years. He has a family, and has always been considered of peaceable disposition. Cotton has resided in this section for several years, and also has a family. J. P. COTTON DIES. J. P. Cotton who was shot by H. C. Messenger near Ashland on the 11th inst., died from the wound inflicted last Saturday. Whereupon Messenger was lodged in the county jail at Jacksonville to await trial. FROM KLAMATH AGENCY. Since last writing, we have had so much storm, we feel like apologizing for predicting an early spring. One of the worst storms ever witnessed here prevailed last Thursday and Friday. Out in the valleys one could scarcely withstand the gale. It seemed to come from the west, and it came with such force that on Seven Mile creek it blew Geo. W. Loesley's 100-foot barn flat to the ground, and passing on, laid Bird Loesley's, Fred Melhase's and Mr. Crance's large barns to waste. Other buildings, and many fences and trees, were blown down before the storm had spent its fury. The disease among cattle here, which has been puzzling the stockmen, has about died out in the vicinity of Wood river. There have been a few cases on the reservation. Harry Momyer lost a fine animal a few days ago. Anthrax is supposed to have been the cause. There is another disease which has broken out here at the Agency which the Dr. calls "chess fever." It seems quite fatal, and attacks young and old alike. The victims sit humped over a table or in some corner, and nothing appears to arouse them. The Dr. is powerless to suppress it, and great consternation prevails among the ladies at meal times. The latest social event was a surprise party given Miss Leta Nickerson by her young friends in honor of her 15th birthday on the 13th inst. All who were fortunate enough to be present, expressed themselves as having been highly entertained. A certain young man in our midst is now taking great interest in culinary instructions, and the kitchen seems to have many charms for him. His friends are wondering if he contemplates "batching" or matrimony. Mr. Walter Bruck from Silver Lake has been with us for several days. He reports a few cattle dying on the Marsh from black leg. The peace here at the usually quiet Agency was much disturbed last Friday evening by two irresponsible Indians who had been to the Fort, and had imbibed too freely at China

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town. The police acted promptly and gave chase before any serious trouble occurred, and the two law breakers languish in jail at present. Rev. Calme failed to hold services here last Sunday on account of scarcity of oil. The mail has been more regular the past week, although it is carried on horseback. The roads are still in bad condition. There is a great deal of sickness at present among the Indians, and the Dr. is kept busy. Capt. O. C. Applegate returned on Monday evening from Yainax. Drummers are coming and suckers are running, which are usually sure indications of spring. Two Suits. LOOKOUT LYNNING CASES. Deputy Attorney General Sturtevant of California, who assisted in the prosecution of Jas. Brown at Alturas, gives the following conclusions in regard to the Lookout lynching: Under the constitution and laws of this state the Attorney General's staff has done all it can do to convict in the Lookout Lynching. The best case has been tried with the best selection of jurors to be obtained in Modoc county. Out of 350 possible jurors 100 were examined and twelve were selected to try the case of the people vs. Brown, and by their verdict have said "Not Guilty." During the trial of the case what purported to be the evidence was published in each issue of the local papers of Modoc county. The people of that county received and read such purporting accounts as statements of the facts of the Brown case. Whenever anyone went from the county seat to any other place in the county he was eagerly asked and freely told what he had heard in court. The Brown case was the leading topic of conversation in Modoc county for the past three months. The twelve jurors selected were among the best citizens of Modoc county. The citizens of that county who are eligible as jurors have been disqualified by reading and hearing the evidence and verdict as published. I do not believe twelve men could now be found in Modoc county who could honestly say they were qualified to fairly try another case in which the same facts would be the evidence. The evidence must necessarily be the same, or less. It will not be more, for, of course, the verdict just rendered will give confidence to the defendants and their friends and will likewise discourage and in a measure intimidate the witnesses for the prosecution. Under the decision in the case of

People vs. Powell, 87 Cal. 348, the prosecution is not entitled to a change of venue. Under the statutes of this state, the court may not in this case under any circumstances, summons jurors from any other county except Modoc county. Therefore there is no possible remedy for the people of the state of California under the existing conditions. The prosecution did its best, selected twelve of the best jurors to be had in Modoc county, presented every bit of evidence available, failed to obtain a verdict of guilty and unless the state through some appropriate means shall overcome this difficulty which I have suggested, further trials will be arduous tasks probably resulting the same as the trial just ended. My stock of goods now located in the Duffy Co's store will be put upon sale Monday, March 24, at cost. I hope to dispose of the goods during the week. Ten to sixty per cent will be saved by coming early. Many goods will be sold much under cost. T. H. MOORE. RESERVATIONS TO BE OPENED. Correspondence from Washington to St. Louis Republic: The House Committee on Indian affairs to-day voted to report favorably bills opening to white settlement three Indian reservations in the Northwest. These are as follows: The Klamath reservation, Oregon, 621,824 acres; the Rosebud reservation, South Dakota, 416,000 acres, and Devil's Lake, North Dakota, all of the reservations to be opened excepting 6,160 acres. If these bills are passed by both houses, there will be nearly 1,500,000 acres of the public domain open to settlement. The method of opening, the House Committee say, would be by lot, as was done in the case of the Kiowa and Comanche reservation. Favorable action on all these bills is expected during the present Congress. LOST. Mrs. Blanche Griffith, who, with others, went to Lakeview early in January to make proof on a timber claim, lost a pocket-book, containing about \$50, while en route home. There were \$35 in greenbacks, \$10 in gold and some silver. Finder will please leave the pocketbook and contents at this office or at the Griffith ranch at the Poplars on Upper Klamath lake. A liberal reward will be paid. All kinds of syrups, dried fruit, fresh ham, bacon and lard and sorghum, at the Excelsior, Dairy, Or.

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