

BOISE COUNTY.

The first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in Bannock City, Washington Territory, March 17th, 1863—present, J. C. Smith and W. Noble. M. Murphy was appointed Auditor, and J. Miller, Justice of the peace for Grimes' precinct.

On the 28th, Thos. H. Stringham and others were granted license to construct and collect toll on a road leading from a point on Moores' creek, 5 miles from Bannock, to Boise river; on the same day we find them, in the record, approving the bonds of D. L. Mulford—Sheriff, D. Alderson—Treasurer, M. Murphy—Auditor, and J. Baird, J. M. Murphy and A. R. Swayne—Justices of the peace.

On the 20th of April, G. W. Anderson was appointed J. P. for Pioneer. On the first of June we see Frank Moore's name as a member of the Board with J. C. Smith as Chairman, and on the 2d of June V. S. Anderson is appointed Prosecuting Attorney, and R. C. Combs—Assessor. D. Alderson resigned the office of Treasurer and T. C. Kellam appointed in his stead. A license was granted J. Keeney & Co. to keep a ferry near the mouth of Boise across Snake river and to Williams, Beach & Greenwood to keep and run a ferry across Snake at or near Salmon falls; license was also granted to Philip Remmel & Co. to run a ferry across the Payette river, seven miles above the Big bend. Judges and Inspectors of elections were appointed for the various Precincts of the county.

On the 6th day of July Baird and Anderson resigned as Justices, Mulford as Sheriff, Gilbert as Probate Judge; J. L. McGowan and A. Yantes appointed Justices, A. G. Brown—Sheriff, Daniel McLaughlin—Probate Judge, and I. N. Smith Dist. Atty. Auctioneer and Peddlers' licenses fixed at \$150 per annum.

On the 15th day of July election returns canvassed and J. M. Murphy declared elected Probate Judge, I. N. Smith Prosecuting Atty., J. D. Williams Sheriff, A. G. Brown Auditor, T. C. Kellam Treasurer, R. Allen Assessor, Myres Supt. Schools, R. C. Combs, J. C. Smith and M. Cosgrove County Commissioners.

On the 7th of August, 1863, we find the first mention of Idaho Territory in the records. James Judge was on that day appointed Assessor. On the 25th of August all the roads and trails built by miners and others, and all natural Indian trails in the county, were declared public highways. Chas. Walker, J. P. and S. Pinkham, Sheriff having received appointments from the Gov., filed their bonds. Judge Heed was appointed to prosecute parties violating the license law.

We have thus run over the record of the proceedings of the Co. Com. from the organization of the county to the time we began to publish the gist of their doings in the News. The foregoing is only a brief synopsis of the record, but it embraces all their important acts, with the exception of Auditing accounts. They have passed upon claims amounting in the aggregate to about \$30,000; some were allowed, some rejected and others cut down so that it is difficult to arrive at the precise amounts allowed. The Auditor's and Treasurer's books we have not examined; they will show the amounts paid out. The election of officers spoken of, our readers perhaps all understand, was declared illegal, as no census had been taken, and the Governor filled the offices by appointments. There is, however, a difference of opinion on the validity of the election which we will not attempt to reconcile.

The following piece of labored ingenuity occurs in the works of John Taylor, the water poet, which, he says reads the same backward and forward; he offers five shillings for as many like it as can be brought to him: "Lewd did I live & evil I did dwell."

Napoleon is said to have earned the reward when he said: "Able was I ere I saw Elba."

A baker in Yreka was the third hero in the field, when he wrote on his sign: "Yreka Bakery."

Each of these lines reads the same backward and forward, a coincidence in the construction of words as rare and little likely to occur, as for a stranger to open a combination lock without knowing the key.

A SCAMP calling himself Judge Dooley tried to play the citizens of Marysville, Cal. out of a large amount of property, consisting of mules, wagons, harness, groceries, &c., representing himself to be a rich merchant, miner, teamster, and owner of quartz-mills at Reese River, and but for the suspicions of the harnessmaker, would have made off with purchases to the amount of several thousand dollars. Investigation proved the Judge to be a confidence man without a cent.

GEN. TOM THUMB is about to build his cage at Bridgeport, Connecticut, and retire on his ample fortune of \$250,000.

EASTERN NEWS.

S. W. Childs, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Placer and Bannock messenger,—ran into our office on Saturday night, with all the Oregon papers. We have searched in vain, however, over all the files for news of any considerable importance.

Rumors were afloat that Rosecrans was to be superseded by Grant. The Times thinks Rosecrans is to be assigned an equally important command in another quarter. Later dispatches, however, represent Rosecrans as saying to the crowd who welcomed him to Cincinnati, on the 26th of Oct., that Crittenden and McCook denied having charges to make against him; that letters from the President approved all he had done and everything was satisfactory.

The President has issued a proclamation for 300,000 more volunteers to fill up regiments and companies in the field. If any State fails to furnish its quota by the 5th of Jan., a draft will commence on that day in each State to fill the deficiency.

Gen. Crook has had a heavy fight with Wheeler's command at Farmington, Tenn. Rebel loss, 2000 killed, 240 prisoners and 1000 stand cavalry arms; Federal loss not stated.

Col. Hatch, in his fight with Chalmers drove him back with considerable loss, and burned the town of Bahalia.

LATEST DATES.

Newbern, N. C., Oct. 20. The publication of the Standard resumed. Still maintains its opposition to the Confederate Government. An election of members to the rebel Congress takes place November 4th. At a consultation of Southern Governors and rebel statesmen at Richmond, Gov. Vance of North Carolina was offered the next Presidency of the Southern Confederacy, provided he would wheel the old North State into line and keep her in the traces. Gov. Vance returned to Raleigh a fierce war man and will hereafter do his worst to prevent the State from returning to the Union.

Fortress Monroe, Oct. 20. Charleston dates to the 22d say there has been no new movement yet. The Yankees are reported to be putting the finishing strokes to Gregg.

The same paper says the number of Yankee prisoners in Richmond is 1,200. The following despatch also appears, signed by General Imboden, "I attacked the enemy at Charleston, Shenandoah Valley, on the 19th, and captured 443 prisoners.

Cincinnati, Oct. 26. Gen. Rosecrans arrived to-day and was escorted to the Burnett House by an immense crowd. He stated that Generals Crittenden and McCook assured him that the published accounts that they intended to bring charges against him were false, and that since the battle of Chickamanga he had received letters from the President approving his conduct in that affair.

New York, Oct. 27. Money firm at 6 to 7, chiefly at the latter figure. Sterling dull at 159-160. Gold unsettled, opening at 48 and closing at 45-2 Government stocks firm.

Charleston, Tenn., Oct. 21. The enemy (Federals) were pressed to their defenses and arrived there after dark; their force is not known. Their loss is 70 (or 700) prisoners, five wagons loaded with stores, 10 ambulances, six pieces of artillery, horses, mules and other property.

Army of the Potomac, Oct. 26. Heavy artillery firing at the extreme front, appearing to be near to and left of the Potomac has been heard to-day at intervals. It ceased about 5 o'clock p. m. The presumption is that it was another artillery and cavalry fight. The infantry may have been engaged.

FROM OYHEE.—Accounts continue to reach us from Jordan creek and elsewhere on the Oyhee that are very encouraging. Ned Tracy came in last week after thoroughly investigating the quartz fields of that vicinity, and gives it as his opinion that no part of the Pacific coast bids fairer to become celebrated for richness than the Oyhee. Another California friend of ours, W. H. Taft, reached here on Wednesday, and assures us that placer mines of very great richness exist on Jordan and all the streams contiguous to it.

Mr. Taft has been mining on Jordan creek some two months and knows whereof he speaks. There is no kind of doubt as to the richness of the country. Rockfellow & Co. intend starting an express from Auburn via Mormon Basin and the Malheur mines to Oyhee early in the Spring. "Rocky" never "starts in" unless he knows there is something to go after. R. Bruce Smith will be associated with him in the express business. Bruce passed the summer on the Oyhee and is posted.

The election passed off quietly.—Cannady received a majority of five out of 111 votes in the precinct.

BIG EAGLE.—A hunter in the mountains south of town, shot an eagle on Saturday and wounded him so that he fell to the ground. On attempting to capture him, his wounded victim caught him in the thigh with his talons and took out about a half a pound of flesh. The bird measured 7 ft. 6 in. from tip to tip.

EMANUEL GOLDSTIEN a confidential clerk in the law-office of E. B. Mastic, of San Francisco, absconded on the steamer of the 10th of Oct., taking with him some \$5000 of his employer's money.

WELLS, FARGO & Co. have purchased Tracy & Co.'s Portland and Boise express. See their advertisement. They have agencies in all the principal mining camps in the Basin.

ANOTHER GOOD MAN MURDERED.—Lloyd Magruder, a gentleman well known, and universally esteemed, throughout California, Washington and Idaho, is undoubtedly murdered by a band of hell-deserving miscreants, known as Jim Romain, Lowery, Page, and Doc. Howard. Mr. Magruder had been to Beaver Head with a train loaded with desirable goods which he there sold for cash, and was on his return to Lewiston, where his family resides, when he was set upon and murdered by these villains who had accompanied him on the way. They took his money and part of his mules to Lewiston, where they registered themselves under fictitious names, and took the stage for below. It is supposed that after murdering Magruder, they overtook and murdered two other men named Julius Newburg and Charley Allen who are also missing—and, that by the three murders they realized some \$50,000. Hill Beachey, Capt. Ankeny and Tom Pike pursued the scoundrels to Portland, determined to overtake and arrest them, cost what it may in time and money. May God give them strength and direct their steps to the accomplishment of their determination.

The Dalles Mountaineer learns from a party just down from Lewiston, that the body of Magruder has been found between Warren's Diggings and Lewiston, with his shot-gun grasped in his hands as if in the act of firing at the time he was shot. It is also reported that the body of Newburg has been found. These facts we glean from the Mountaineer with other corroborating circumstances that leave little doubt as to the correctness of the statements. It was the above tragic affair that gave rise last week to the rumor of the murder of Snow, Newburg and Strauss.

LICENSES.—The Board of County Commissioners has ordered the Dist. Attorney to prosecute all county officers who have collected fines and not paid them into the treasury; also, all keepers of saloons, bowling-alleys, billiard-tables, &c., as well as all keepers of toll-roads who have not conformed to law in establishing business. We are glad to see it. It is a duty the officers owe to every man who pays his license, to see to it that he is not brought into competition with others who do not. The object of the license system is to raise revenue for the government of the county, and to throw the protection of the law around the licentiate; if these objects are not accomplished a few are required to pay while others in the same business are not subjected to the same expense.

PICKWICK BALL.—Mr. Price, at the opening of his new Hall this—Tuesday—evening, will inaugurate a system that has become popular elsewhere and will doubtless do the same here. A public hall and supper should never be mixed up together; let one party give the ball, furnishing rooms and music at low rates, and allow every one to procure refreshments where they please. When several wish to eat together they can easily have it understood at a restaurant where better meals are always prepared than are ever furnished for balls. This is the cheaper and better way of getting along with the matter. Ball suppers rarely ever give satisfaction and are nuisances at best.

QUARTZ IN GRAYBACK GULCH.—Messrs. Hoyt, Liddle & Webster have found rich silver rock in their claims on Grayback Gulch, a branch of Elk creek about a quarter of a mile above the Spanish claim. The ledge was discovered in the bed of the creek in a placer claim, and runs at right angles with the Spanish lode. Specimens of the rock brought to our office by Mr. Knapp, would, if found in Washoe or Humboldt, command the attention of speculators and insure a demand for feet in the ledge.

SOUTH BOISE.—Mr. M. Kelly, of Placerville, who has recently returned from South Boise, represents that section as being one of the most important mining camps in the county. Not only is it very rich in quartz, but Mr. K. assures us that as a placer mining district it is not surpassed even in the Bannock or Placerville diggings. Feather river is spoken of as being a fine stream for river and bar mining, and it is believed that hydraulics will be brought into requisition next summer in working the high bar claims.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Johnson, a native of Denmark, aged about 36 years, being in apparently good health, fell dead in Wall st. on Tuesday morning last, in front of his place of business. Deceased has for several years past been engaged in the butchering business in San Francisco where he is well-known and leaves a wife to mourn his untimely loss. Since arriving in this place he had been manufacturing sausage, and no one knew of his having anything the matter with him. It is supposed that he must have been attacked suddenly with apoplexy or heart disease.

PUT THAT AND THAT TOGETHER.—A notice was found sticking up round town on Wednesday, wherein one party accuses another of picking pockets and watching drunken men to vote them. If the accuser really means what he says, and we go upon the principle that Nat. Witt says is practised by the courts in Texas, of taking one good and one bad action and putting that and that together, the man is not so bad after all.

THE GREAT CHARLATAN.—We begin to fear that after all Louis Napoleon will turn out to be a humbug—in point of fact an impostor—or, not to put too fine a point on it, a charlatan. It is certainly not pleasant to discover that we, as well as the rest of humankind, have been taken in and done for, even by so great a man as the nephew of an uncle. Posterity will certainly have the laugh at Lord Palmerston and Mr. Seward. The former for allowing him to kiss the fair cheek of Queen Victoria, profanely styled by Victor Hugo the British Virgin Mary; and the latter for allowing him to seize Mexico. But we must let our readers know our suspicion of Louis Napoleon being a humbug is founded upon the following extract of the London Athenaeum, concerning the opus magnum of modern literature: "La Vie de Cesar, by Louis Napoleon, is printing at this moment. There can be no further doubt about it; and we are in possession of information from the imperial printing office, to the effect that a first impression consisting of 100 copies has been struck off, in which the necessary alterations are being made at this time. Workmen have been selected for this purpose, who have been employed in the office for many years; and they have been told that, on the slightest indiscretion on their part, they will lose their places. After the printing of each leaf in quarto every form is secured with three chains and three locks, the keys of which M. Pettin, the director of the printing office takes with him. As soon as the printing is completed, the sheets are taken into the Emperor's cabinet; then the collaborateurs set to work correcting the press, or altering such passages as the Emperor wishes to see redone. Measures are pretty well taken against information reaching foreign papers—a subject of great dread with the author. The work, it is further said, will appear in a few months, and in two editions—one printed at the imperial printing office, the other at Plon."

A REMARKABLE VETERAN.—The St. Louis Republican of the 29th ult. says: "We saw yesterday, a regular old veteran of a warrior and patriot. His name is John T. C. McCaffrey. He was raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, is seventy-three years old, and has had fifteen sons and three daughters. Eleven sons were in the Union army until the siege of Vicksburg, where four of them were killed. The old man himself enlisted in the 10th Illinois at Fayetteville Arkansas, over a year ago, and was lately discharged. He served eight months in the Florida war, twelve months under Gen. Jackson, thirty-two months in the Mexican war, and twelve months in the present war. He has three brothers and three step-sons now in the Union army. We tell the tale as he, with every remembrance of perfect truth, told it to us."

SCHRODER & TINER.—If you would "Raze out the written troubles of the mind, And with sweet oblivious antidote Cleanse the stuffed bosom of that perilous stuff Which weighs upon the heart," present the printer with a box of fine Havana cigars, as did Gus and Isham. Henry Rife came into our sanctum bearing the precious gift on Thursday. We thank both donors and messenger. Schroder & Tiner are opening a fine stock of books, stationery, cigars, tobacco, liquors, and fancy goods, in Placerville. We have already seen enough to know that they keep an excellent article of cigars, and our knowledge of the men impels us to say that they will deal on the square. Give them a trial.

BENEFIT.—Mrs. Moulton's benefit, Friday evening, was well attended at Kelley & Marshall's Theater,—a well deserved compliment to the lady, who, as Charles in the "Virginia Mummy," acquitted herself very creditably. Moulton's Old Quack Doctor, and Kelly's Mummy were a long ways "over average." Tommy Briggs takes a benefit to-morrow evening. We are glad to see the Minstrels gradually approaching the legitimate drama.

VEGETABLES.—We have been shown some very fine specimens of potatoes, onions, &c., produced on Pine creek, Powder river valley. Mr. Shea, the gentleman who brought them to market, assures us that large quantities have been produced in that section with comparatively little trouble. We may look for a large portion of our supplies in this line to come from Pine creek. We can assure our Powder river friends that we can manage to consume all of their surplus produce.

NOTICES of Marriages, Births and Deaths will always be published in this paper without charge, and we will be much obliged to parties, desiring such notices published, if they will furnish them to us. We are certain that many deaths occur in the Basin, of which the friends of the deceased never hear.

BUSY.—Since the snow commenced falling last week there has been an unusual stir among the carpenters; nearly every house has a man on the roof with hammer and nails, and such a rattling and hammering as they do make, it would seem as if Bannock was turned into a boiler factory.

THE Pacific railroad-bridge across the American river is about completed. Hubbard & Baker will receive for building the bridge \$100,000.

FRANCIS & KNOWLES, of Sacramento, have invented an improvement in steam boilers by which one and a half cords of wood are saved per day.

BANK CAVED.—Mr. A. W. Polts had his skull fractured, on Saturday, by the caving of a bank on Gold Hill. It is thought he will soon recover.

Another Chapter in the Bloody Record DEATH OF JIMMY WILLIAMS.

About four o'clock, on yesterday (Monday) morning, J. D. Williams, the City Hatch a was observed in conversation with a man by name of Geo. Owens, in the City Bakery. The words attracted the attention of the by-stander Owens called Williams a "d—d liar," whereupon Williams struck him in the face with his fist, a scuffle ensued, in which they were both on the floor. The proprietor, Mr. Gray, here attempted to separate them, when Williams said: "Get alone—I will manage him." Williams had a pocket-knife and Owens a large coat, so that no weapons were observed by the crowd—that had by time collected in considerable numbers—until the fatal work had been done. A man by name of Robinson first discovered a knife in hand of Owens, and sang out "he's got a knife." Mr. Gray sprang for the knife, and seized Owens drew it through Mr. G.'s hand, inflicting severe wounds. In the struggle, the knife dropped on the floor. Williams got hold of it, made several ineffectual attempts to cut his antagonist; but was too weak to succeed. He then over, and expired in a few moments. On examination, it was found that two ribs had been crushed from the breast bone on the right side by the knife, which doubtless ranged towards the heart. Owens was arrested, put in jail and ironed, he will await the action of the law.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE REVENUE.

ARTICLE I. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Washington, that in the counties of Boise, Idaho, Nez Perce, Shoshone, Spokan, Missoula, Stevens and Walla Walla, there shall be levied and collected quarterly license tax, as follows:—

1st. From each proprietor or keeper of a third table, not kept for the exclusive use of owner or his family, for each table fifteen dollars per quarter. For a nine or ten pin or bowling table, five dollars for each alley; license to be good for a term not less than three months.

2d. All tavern or inn keepers, or keepers of saloons, and all persons who may sell or dispose any spirituous, malt or fermented liquors, wines, in less quantities than one quart, shall, before the transaction of any such business, take a license, or licenses, from the county clerk, as prescribed in this act; and make payment therefor as follows:—

Those whose average monthly sales amount one thousand dollars or more, shall constitute first class. Five hundred dollars and not over thousand dollars, the second class. One hundred dollars, and not exceeding five hundred dollars, the third class; and all monthly sales less than one hundred dollars, the fourth class. The license to be paid for the first class shall be fifty dollars per month; for the second class, thirty-five dollars per month; and for the fourth class, ten dollars per month; and all licenses granted by act shall be granted for three, six or twelve months, at the option of the party applying such license.

THE NEW GILA GOLD FIELDS.—A California Volunteer, writing from Fort Yuma, on the 2d of August, speaks very encouragingly of the gold fields that are attracting so much attention writes as follows, says the Call: "The mines up on the headwaters of the Gila are creating considerable excitement here. Everybody that can command a donkey and a sack of flour has gone or is going. Big reports are brought daily. Men who have gone from here write to their friends that they are making their thousands. Provisions are scarce, and demand fabulous prices. I have seen several specimens of the gold, the largest weighing about forty-five dollars. A friend mine, writing from Tucson, says the Mexicans coming in daily, and all have huge backs packed with the shining ore, reminding of the good old days of '49. The mines are beyond a doubt, but how extensive remains to be proven."

Beware of Long Whiskers!—A would-be gentleman, representing himself as Dr. Hoffman, signing his name as H. T. Hoffman, and wearing his whiskers disgustingly long, did, while he borrowed money at Cody & Co.'s Saloon, board the International Hotel without missing a meal paying a cent, raw whisky and cigar bills, etc.; then did leave here without paying bills contracted, and has gone to parts unknown. A course taken by him to obtain said favors is becoming low, villainous scoundrels like him. The Weekly Oregonian will please copy, and set bill to this office.

ASSAYS OF BOISE GOLD AND QUARTZ.—A Rossi of the assay office on Wall St. has kindly furnished us with the following abstracts assays made by him of Boise dust and quartz.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Gold Dust value. Bannock City \$14.50 to \$16.60 per lb. Grimes Creek \$14.57 to \$16.37 " Moore's Creek \$15.00 to \$15.20 " Jordan Creek (Oyhee) \$12.07

QUARTZ. Assay of selected specimens from Gold Gate at Placerville. \$131,325 in gold—\$1595,73 in silver. From the Pioneer Lode. \$2254.00 in gold—\$37.92 in silver.

ROSENTHAL & ROSSL. Some time since we mentioned the Gold Gate lode as furnishing the richest specimen of quartz we ever saw; the above certificate settles the question beyond a doubt. The gold is plainly visible throughout the whole surface. The proprietor—Mr. Campbell—has sent us some inferior specimens which can be seen at this office. We had a handling after some of the rich ore, but presume such lumps as he showed us, and which Mr. Rosenthal assayed, are not very numerous.

SUBSCRIPTION PAPERS.—Every few days some one comes around with a subscription paper asking assistance for some destitute person or other. As a general thing these papers are in the hands of strangers who may or may not be impostors. If parties knew their donations would be appropriated to deserving objects, few would have any hesitation in giving liberally. As it is, we feel, while contributing to unknown individuals for the relief of other unknown individuals, and we hear the same opinion often expressed by others, as if it was a matter of doubt whether or not we were donating to unworthy persons. The county hospital is the proper place for all who are unable to provide for themselves; they will be better attended to in an institution than they can hope to be on the side charity.