

The New Northwest.

PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1881.

LOCAL EPITOME.

Most of the prominent city stores now keep open until 8 o'clock in the evening.

Union-revival meetings are being held of evenings this week in Y. M. C. A. Hall.

Major A. F. Sears lectured last evening at the Unitarian church on "Labor and Capital."

It seems probable that navigation of the Upper Columbia may be suspended again this year.

Mrs. Kelly, a widow living in East Portland, was relieved of \$15 by a pickpocket, one day last week.

George Wright Post, No. 1, G. A. R., gave their regular semi-monthly social at Masonic Hall last evening.

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Mr. C. P. Yates, of the firm of Robbins & Yates, sailed on the Oregon for San Francisco, whither he goes on business.

The offices of the Daily Standard and the Willamette Farmer are now in the same building as the NEW NORTHWEST.

Mr. J. L. Ferguson of East Portland accidentally walked off the porch of his residence one day last week, the result being a badly sprained ankle.

The steamer Columbia arrived yesterday, bringing news from the outside world, which had been denied Portland on account of the severe storms and continued prostration of telegraph wires for some days past.

The newly elected officers of Multnomah District Pomona Grange were installed last Saturday, the exercises being held in the society's hall in East Portland. Afterward a lunch was spread, and a social followed.

Mrs. W. J. Dyer, of Walla Walla, died in that city on Monday. She was an estimable young woman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Clarke of this city, and a large circle of relatives and friends will mourn for her.

Nearly 200 men are engaged in opening the roadway along the line of the O. R. & N. Co.'s railway route from Sandy to The Dalles. Five miles of the road have been cleared, and the contractors are pushing the work at a lively rate.

Four light-house keepers have been landed on Tillamook Rock with provisions and coal for six months. The light will be shown on February 1st. The fog siren is being put together in this city, and when completed will be taken to the rock.

Mayor Thompson presented his annual message to the Common Council last evening. It is an able document, gives evidence of study and care in its preparation, and makes many recommendations for practical reforms in the conduct of the city government. The message is given in full in the morning papers.

And now comes E. F. Heroy, who says that the New Domestic Sewing Machine is the highest running, the most simply constructed, the best looking, the easiest managed, lasts longer, keeps the ladies in better humor, and adds more "Domestic" happiness to the family, than any other sewing machine in America.

Many people are prone to croak about the worthlessness of the Oregonian except for its telegraphic news; but the paper has never been more readable and instructive than during the past week, in which time it has been unable to get a line of dispatches. Growlers might learn from this that ability and industry, as well as telegrams, are necessary to make a newspaper.

The Committee on Ways and Means of the Common Council estimate the expenditures of the city government for the current year at \$111,497. The estimated revenue, provided the tax is only 5 1/2 mills, is \$100,469, leaving a deficit of over \$11,000. The committee hopes the expenses will be less than estimated, and thinks it will be better to contract, if necessary, a small loan toward the close of the year than to increase the rate of taxation.

Portland's Police Commissioners claim that they are not legislated out of existence by the new Charter, and the Board met on Monday evening and transacted business. Among other things, the removal of Officer Gillis from the Police force by the Common Council was declared an assumption and usurpation of authority, and a bill for \$30 due him was approved. He was then ordered suspended until the Board considers the charges against him. A communication was addressed to the Council, recommending an appropriation of \$28,000 for maintaining the police force during 1881. The new Charter is clumsy and ambiguous, and the existence of the Board will be tested in the courts, some persons claiming that it is abolished, and others asserting that it is not affected.

GENERAL NEWS.

After a strictly coin fight, Jas. G. Fair has been elected Senator from Nevada.

The Hale & Norcross hoisting works, on the Comstock lode, have been burned. Loss, \$500,000.

The San Francisco Supervisors have declared illegal several contracts made by Mayor Killoch for sewer work.

General John F. Miller, a staunch Republican, has been elected United States Senator by the California Legislature, and will succeed Senator Booth.

An immense snow-slide at Alta, Utah, on the 14th instant, destroyed Strickley's large stone store and a number of dwellings and obliterated Chinatown. Several lives were lost, and many inhabitants have fled the town.

Extract from an article in the Truth newspaper of the 16th instant: "Colonel Hadley was the central figure in the Morey letter conspiracy. He was the channel of communication between the forgers and the Democratic National Committee. He procured perjured evidence to sustain the forgery. He is the man who can tell the whole story. He can tell what Barnum knew of it when he pretended to believe it genuine, and he can tell which of the members of the committee to whom Mr. Hart showed the letter for verification were dupes and which were knaves. He can tell who composed the Morey letter, who wrote it, where it was first sent, who sent it to the Truth, and what the Democratic Committee paid for the job."

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Mr. Robert McWade made his appearance, as announced, at New Market Theater on Monday evening last in the well-worn play of "Rip Van Winkle." He gives his own dramatization of Washington Irving's pathetic sketch, which, in the plot and minor characters, differs materially from the version with which theater-goers are so familiar, though the "business" of the one prominent character remains substantially the same. As Rip, the drunken vagabond, Mr. McWade proved that his reputation as a comedian of great ability is well-deserved, his rendition from the "waking scene" to the close of the performance being replete with the lights and shades of mirth and pathos, and stamping him as a true artist. In the first two acts, however, he was not so good, notably in the scene on the mountain with the gnomes, which was continued too long, making the action slow and tedious. The gentleman has an easy manner and great facial expression, and has established himself as a favorite in Portland. The support, although very little is required for "Rip Van Winkle," was equal to the usual standard of weakness at New Market, and the less said of it the better. The piece was repeated on Tuesday evening to a large audience. Last evening the "Knight of Arva," a comedy, and "Paddy Miles," a farce, constituted the bill, Mr. McWade assuming the title role in each to the entire satisfaction of the audience. The bill will be repeated to-morrow evening "Toodles" and "Dick with III Eyes" are promised, the latter being a ludicrous burlesque of "Richard III." "Rip Van Winkle" will be given both on Saturday afternoon and evening. The box-sheet for the matinee, as well as for the evenings, is now open at Prentice & Co's music store, No. 107 First street.

Since April, 1865, Edwin Booth has never played in Washington.

Salvini's receipts in Philadelphia for eight performances were \$26,000.

Archbishop Seghers lectured on "Miracles" at Turn Hall on Tuesday evening.

"Olivette" is looked upon in New York as the legitimate successor to "Pinafore."

The Dramatic News states that McCullough's average receipts at the Fifth-avenue Theater were \$1200, while those of Booth were \$400.

It is said that Harrison Millard has composed an opera of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," with George Harris and Eliza as the leading tenor and soprano roles.

The agent of the McWade dramatic company has gone to Puget Sound to make arrangements for the appearance of the troupe in Seattle, Olympia and Victoria.

In the performance of that novelty, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at the New York Academy of Music, trained bloodhounds are introduced to hunt down Eliza.

The "Masque of Pandora," the first grand opera written in America, will be first produced at the Boston Theater on the 10th inst. The words are Longfellow's, adapted by Bolton Rowe, the music by Collier, and Blanche Roosevelt is to be the prima donna.

Edgar Walton, that exceedingly bad actor, who gained such an unsavory reputation in this city during and subsequent to his recent brief engagement with Daniel E. Bandman, has again come to the surface, he having imposed himself upon McWade under the name of "Mr. Byron."

Mr. T. B. Merry's lecture at New Market Theater last Saturday evening, on the "Life and Services of David C. Broderick," for the benefit of the Firemen's Mutual Aid Society, was deeply instructive and highly entertaining, and served to hold very closely the attention of a good-sized audience, who manifested their keen appreciation by frequent applause.

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THE FLOOD.

Oregon has been visited by a freshet which serves to revive memories of 1861-2. The damage to property has been, enormous throughout the valleys of the Willamette River and its tributaries. There is great loss of horses, cattle, swine, fences, grain and bridges. Occasionally dwellings have been carried away, and families were in danger, but there is no reported loss of life.

In Portland, the lower floors of wharves were suddenly submerged, over 2000 tons of wheat being ruined. The loss, including cost of moving dry grain to upper floors, will aggregate about \$75,000, of which Geo. Marshall & Co. will bear one-fourth, the rest being distributed among a number of firms.

Advices from Salem say that but one wharf is left, the others having gone with the current, followed by the O. R. & N. Co's ware-house, which lodged below the city.

The ware-house and elevator connected with the flouring mills at Oregon City were washed away on Saturday morning.

At Albany, much wheat was ruined, and Mr. Ashby Pearce, just across the river, lost about \$3,000.

Considerable wheat was damaged at Dayton, Yamhill county, and a large ware-house floated away.

Trains on the east-side railroad have been stopped, the track being washed out in places and bridges weakened, and mails from the South reach Portland via the west-side road.

The loss of the Oregonian Railroad (narrow-gauge) Company will be about \$200,000. The track and grading is washed out in a number of places and several fine bridges have been carried away, notably those over the North Santiam River and Silver and Abiqua Creeks.

In Eastern Oregon, the long toll bridge near the mouth of the Deschutes River was carried away, and it is reported that others shared the same fate, including the one known as "Scott's," over the John Day.

The waters are receding rapidly, and no fear of further damage is entertained. It is probable that through communication by the east-side road will be reestablished to-morrow or Saturday between Roseburg and Portland.

S. W. Frisbie, of East Toledo, Ohio, says: It afforded my son relief, and dispelled all signs of this dread disease, which has afflicted him since childhood. I cheerfully recommend the "Only Lung Pad" to all asthmatic sufferers. See adv.

DIED:

HAMILTON—At the Lower Cascades, January 12th, of quick consumption, Udney J. Hamilton, in the 21st year of his age.

On last Thursday afternoon, the remains of Udney J. Hamilton were interred by loving hands in the cemetery near the Cascades. His death is the first break in the family circle, and has fallen with peculiar heaviness on parents, brothers and sisters, and the entire community living at that place. Samuel M. Hamilton and Mary J. Hamilton crossed the plains in 1850, with their children, and settled on what is known, the length of the river, as the Hamilton farm, where the landing and shops of the O. R. & N. Co. were afterwards established. Here four more children were born, Udney being the youngest. He was the pride and pet of the whole family, a young man of promise, whose outlook in life was bright and full of hope. Rev. Mr. Elliot, who has stood in near relation to the whole family for some years as pastor, was summoned from Portland, and at one o'clock the impressive services of the dead were heard for the first time in the old home. Seldom was grief more touching than in the silent group of children and children's children that, with the stricken father and mother, sat close about the coffin body, as if one family still in spirit. The sweetest and rarest flowers were brought to join their mute symbolism of love and hope. The hour was solemn indeed; and with this translated life a tender change will come over the home he loved and still loves—a change, let us say, bringing realities of spirit nearer, and sanctifying, through chastened sorrow, the lives of his surviving relatives.

A sorrowing sister has written the following lines in memory of the deceased:

Art thou there, O darling brother,
Where the sun doth ever shine?
Where thy soul grows weary never,
And thy heart doth never pine?
Pine for joys and hopes beyond thee,
That this life could ne'er supply?
Hast thou left thy grief behind thee,
In that realm beyond the sky?
Tell me, ye winds, that softly whisper
Round that dear and lowly bed,
And thou, too, O snowflakes falling,
Falling on our sacred dead,
Hast thou come from heaven above us?
Art thou tempered by a hand
That will guide us weary mortals
To that bright and better land?
Tell me, ye frost-wreaths glistening
In the sunbeam's brightest ray,
Hast thou seen our darling happy
In the bright, eternal day?
Is he free from all those longings
After the beautiful his mind did crave,
That marked his earthly pathway
From the cradle to the grave?
Is he happy in his freedom—
Free alike from grief and pain?
Is our sorrow and our anguish
Only our beloved's gain?
"Yes, oh, yes," the moonbeams whisper,
Gleaming out in silvery strands;
"Up in heaven your darling's happy,
In that home, not made with hands.
Free alike from pain and anguish,
And every earthly woe;
Happy in his new-found freedom,
More than mortal man can know."
Life is but a fleeting vision;
He has only gone before;
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Meet to part no more.

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