

TOLD IN SIDEHEADS.

READING CIRCLE.—Miss Nellie Crowder recently organized a reading circle for her Sunday school class, and it is quite a success. It meets on Saturday afternoons.

WILL REMAIN HERE.—Mr. Peter Cook, we are happy to state, has made arrangements to engage in the mercantile business with Mr. L. Kelso under the firm name of Kelso & Cook. Mr. Cook is a genial gentleman, and the new firm has the best wishes of this paper for permanent financial success.

NEW ARRIVAL.—Mr. F. M. Gates, recently from Dakota, arrived in town last week having purchased the Butler property at the end of the bridge in North Independence, where he will live. He will improve the property and make a comfortable home, and intends helping build some brick buildings here this summer as he is a mason.

SCHOOL LIBRARY.—Prof. McAdams informs us that the school library arrived last week and contains eighty-five volumes of very serviceable and useful books. Quite a number of books are for reference books expensive, and the number of books might have been much greater. We understand that an unbridged dictionary will be the next purchase.

HORSE KILLED.—On Wednesday evening Mr. Chas. McDevitt, of Dallas, drove out of town with his team, and passing up C street they became frightened and ran away, crossing the bridge on Monmouth street and making a wreck just on the other side of the bridge, crippling one of the horses so badly that shooting it was necessary and bruising Mr. McDevitt quite severely.

DEPARTURE.—Mr. E. E. Boyd, who has been acting as railroad agent here during Mr. Stevens' sickness, regrettably announces that he leaves to take a station in Southern Oregon. During his short stay he has met quite a number of very pleasant people and dislikes to leave. Mr. T. M. Stiver comes back more determined than ever to make this his home. He says he has been enough since going away, to convince him that Independence is good enough.

ONE SIDED.—It will be noticed that all the land notices in Polk county are in the Dallas paper, even sheriff sales appear there. The Dallas papers have no right to all of this. They can be published in Independence just as well as by so doing help support a paper in this section. In a great many cases the advertiser can name his paper, and the attorney, or another, is bound to respect his wishes. We are not complaining, only throwing out a strong hint to our friends.

THE CHORAL UNION.—It is earnestly desired that every member of the Choral Union, and those who desire to become members, meet for rehearsal at the Presbyterian church on Monday evening at 7:30 prompt January 27th. It will be the last invitation given either through the paper or individually. If the singers of Independence will not interest themselves in the Choral Union, we shall disband, as no institution can do very much without membership. J. W. SPARKLIN.

A STRONG PLAY.—A Westminster paper thus speaks of a performance there: "Lynwood is a strong play. There was a good sized audience present at the opera house, and if applause is any evidence of appreciation, they showed it enthusiastically. Frank Cleaves as the villain of the piece was truly detestable. He played the part to such good purpose that the larger part of the house hated him thoroughly for a time. Sam Morris, as the correspondent, was inimitable, and his witticisms and antics kept the house merry."

THE BOATS.—The Bently and the Hoag are owned by the Oregon Pacific Railroad company, and make regular trips each week, leaving Corvallis and passing down the river every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and going up each alternate days. The three Sisters is running "wild" that is "on orders," going anywhere for business. The O. B. & N. company, has the Orient running to Corvallis regular, going up Monday and down Tuesday. The Modoc is running "wild" while the Champlain stays on the lower river.

A GRAND PERFORMANCE.—Yesterday's Salem Statesman has this to say of Lynwood: "Those who did not attend the performance of 'Lynwood' last night by the Russell Jewell Dramatic company will regret it exceedingly when they learn to-day that it was one of the very best dramatic performances ever given before a Salem audience. In every particular it was first-class. There were no sticks for actors, every man and woman in the cast being so far above the ordinary as to be termed fine. 'Lynwood' is a pleasing military drama, full of life and fun and dramatic situations. Not to individualize, it may be said every body was a star and every man a leading one. The company is good throughout, and it is sincerely to be regretted that more of such do not make Salem on their rounds."

BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—On last Monday evening the first meeting of the stockholders of the Independence Building & Loan Association was held in the office of the Willamette Real Estate company. Mr. J. S. Cooper, the president, called the meeting to order and stated that out of the first series of \$125,000 about 300 shares had been taken and \$750 was on hand to loan in sums of \$100 or more at 8 per cent, and asked for bids. The first bid was thirty months, interest in advance, and the bids continued slowly until it was finally "struck off" to T. Fennell for 60 months in advance. Mr. Fennell said he wanted the \$750 so there were no more bids. Next month, on the first Monday, another meeting will be held and any money on hand will be auctioned off. J. S. Cooper is the secretary and treasurer of the association and can convince anyone that it pays to pay 60 months interest in advance. Try him.

LOCALS.

Or any other man. Let us have a bakery. A good bakery will pay here. I'm getting a big boy no-w. Miss Nora Shea is improving nicely. Lynwood at the opera house Wednesday.

A venomous tongue is its owner's worst enemy. The fire engine company meets next Friday evening. Oak View Grange will install officers here Saturday.

Board of Trade will meet on Tuesday evening Feb. 28. Wm. Wann, of Ballston, was in town Friday on business.

Encourage a bakery where "fresh bread" can be obtained. Mr. E. P. Shinn reports nearly all his children sick with colds.

Reserve your seats early for Lynwood, on Wednesday night. Go and laugh at Sam Morris' witticisms on Wednesday evening.

W. B. Buser returned from a business trip to Portland on Thursday. Old papers at a half a cent each can be had at the West Side office.

Fine job printing is done at this office and we solicit your patronage. The Misses Ida and Julia Locke spent Sunday visiting at Corvallis.

J. D. Scharrf, a popular traveling man of Portland, was in town this week. Miss Essie Tatom was unable to sing at the Episcopalian Fair on account of a severe cold.

S. L. Hayden, an attorney of Salem, was here on Tuesday attending to some legal business. Mr. M. T. Fisher and wife, of Montana, are visiting the mother of Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Goff.

J. M. Vandyn, of the firm of Shelby & Vandyn, is visiting his father in Corvallis, Lane county.

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