

TOLD IN SIDEHEADS.

THE RIVER.—The Willamette looks as though it intended getting on a tear...

THE FLOOR THING.—A business man at Portland, Or., says the Detroit Free Press...

CONTEMPLATED BANK BUILDING.—And so the improvements are going to be pushed ahead...

A STRANGE EVENT.—Mr. L. W. Robertson, the owner of the new opera house...

FORTY DOLLARS A FOOT.—This week a sale was made by J. M. Mitchell of forty-seven feet of the lot on the corner...

VERY OLD.—J. J. McDaniel had on exhibition at the Firemen's Fair, two articles which date back many years...

INSTALLATION.—Oak View Grange had an installation of officers on last Saturday and the following were duly installed...

JAPANESE SOCIABLE.—On Friday evening a comfortably well filled opera house greeted the ladies of the W. C. T. U.

LYNSWOOD.—On Wednesday evening a large and appreciative audience witnessed the rendition of the beautiful military drama by the Russell-Jewell Dramatic Co.

LOCALS.

The West Side takes the bakery. Plenty of drift wood in the Willamette.

Examinations at public school this week.

Miss Nora Shea is able to be about the house again.

The White Slave Saturday night at the opera house.

O. A. Kramer, the jeweler, left for Portland Saturday.

Clair Irvine is at home from the Salem business college.

J. J. McDaniel, of North Independence, has had the la grippe.

J. H. Hawley, of Bethel, was attending to business here Saturday.

Born, to the wife of J. W. Miller, Iowa Hill, a son, weight 11 1/2 pounds.

One hundred and ninety-three new members joined the Portland Board of Trade.

A great many idlers amuse themselves watching the drift pass down the river.

Mr. J. C. Brown has purchased the Jos. Cravin property just adjoining town paying fourteen hundred dollars for it.

We are in receipt of the proceedings of the Missouri Press Association for 1880, and it is the finest one yet received.

Rev. Wheeler, of Portland, who preached here several Sundays since came up last Monday and visited Rev. A. J. Hunsaker.

John W. Sparks, a former typist in this office, is occupying a good position with Foster & Robertson, of Portland, as a stenographer.

On last Tuesday we had the heaviest rain which has visited these parts for a long time, the rains falling for hours in perfect torrents.

The smoke stack of the Prescott & Veness saw mill here took a tumble last Monday and now the mill is awaiting a new "smoker." The strong wind did it.

Jno. Daly, of Dallas, has been in our city attending to the case of Jacob Brown vs. T. Helgath, and is jubilant over the decision of the case in his favor.

Wm. Tetherow of Spokane Falls, who has not been in Independence for ten years is visiting relatives and friends here. He is a guest of Mr. Harry Christian this week.

J. D. Irvine's delivery team on Wednesday becoming delirious on the river bank, backed off into the waters of the Willamette near the saw mill. No damage done except a frightened boy.

My request the White Slave a strong play, with fine scenic effects, will be presented on Saturday evening. You will see a steamboat, a life raft, red lights, etc., and exciting and vivid scenes.

All our patrons acknowledge that the very finest work now had at the West Side office in the printing line. Mr. Wilson is a fine workman, and what is better, he is a permanent fixture in the office. Send in your job work.

Wayne Williams has a trusty dry team, but last Saturday they conspired that they had trusted long enough and started when the train came up and ran out by the brick yard, but turned around and came back without damaging anything.

The Willamette Real Estate Company, last week, sold to J. C. Brown, the residence on Monmouth street owned by Jos. Cravin and another near the Evangelical church, belonging to Geo. B. Riddell to H. B. Sloper. The price of the latter was \$450.

Our correspondent at Parker mentions the fact that the Luckanette is "booming." Next we will hear of that six million feet of "much wanted" logs being "boomed" and then the lumber famine here and at Salem is "doomed" to come to an end.

Eminent physicians every where recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral as the most reliable remedy that can be had for colds, coughs, and all pulmonary diseases. Ask your druggist for Ayer's almanac; it is the best publication of the kind, and full of information.

A. B. McMillen, formerly proprietor of the Wasco Observer in Sherman county, has sold out that paper and is in town with some other object in view about which he is very reticent. We wonder if he is not going to start another paper here in Polk county? We need more papers.

The state board of the Christian church met at Independence January 25th. On account of the bad weather and sickness but three of the board were present and no business of importance was transacted. The board adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in April at the Christian church.

J. A. Spangler, of Corvallis, should be a happy man. What do you think he had presented him the other day? Why nothing less than a gold trimmed coat given him by members of the Presbyterian church in return for his voluntary services in the Presbyterian choir of that city. Do you blame him for his feelings?

J. E. Sharp, a type of the West Side office, has been very sick the past week with a very severe form of la grippe. His friends expressed great concern for his comfort, and more young men offered to sit and watch by his side than were needed. James is away from his parents, a young boy alone, and this uprising of friends in need, is very gratifying to not only him but to us all.

TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS.

ZENA ITEMS. Oregon seems to be herself again as we are having lots of rain.

Some of our citizens were up in your city last Thursday courting before his honor Justice Butler.

Mrs. Walter Johnson returned home to East Portland Wednesday, her mother having recovered from her illness.

This is the last week of school here. The scholars are all glad of the fact, as the weather is too stormy for school in the country.

Joe Lewis, the democratic Nestor of Spring valley, passed through here last Monday on his way to Dallas. Wonder if Joe is getting the lay of the wire pulpers.

Mrs. Frank McLeish had the misfortune of falling down a stair way last Friday night. The fall bruised her up so that she was confined to her bed for several days. Frank proved himself a good nurse.

Ira Burley took a load of Wine Sap arrived from Eastern Oregon, and thinking perhaps a few notes from that section would be agreeable I note the following:

Some eighteen inches in depth, with the ground frozen but little underneath, which insures a fair yield of grain the coming season.

The mercury in Sherman county reached 21 degrees below zero on the 9th inst., which caused much suffering to stock, owing to the scarcity of feed.

The snow on the Cascade mountains, between The Dalles and Portland is four feet deep near Hood river, while in Portland on the 25th inst., about sixteen was visible.

The residents in the vicinity of Jolo, Sherman county, have organized a joint stock company and will, as soon as the weather permits, put in a telephone line from Grant to Wasco.

While portions east of here are wrapped in snow and ice Polk county out boast of a climate unsurpassed by any on the Pacific coast. More anon.

Hen fruit 35 cents per dozen. Hastings Bros. shipped several car loads of wheat last week.

The cold snap is fast disappearing from here, and it leaves the wheat un injured.

Henry Ebbert, of Monmouth, was in these parts a few days ago, and claimed that he was buying beef cattle, but we think he has his eye on one of our fair belles.

A. Taylor, J. P., will deal out justice to-day to G. Neathamer and James Orr, for the dangerous manner in which, it is claimed, they handled hatchets and Montgomery pistols.

We forgot to mention in our last notes, that Will H. P. of your city, spent a few days in our burg, but instead of soliciting subscriptions for the West Side, he endeavored to capture one of our finest roses, at least he made some of the boys here a little jealous.

The entertainment given under the auspices of the Cleanthian society last Saturday evening was a grand affair for this remote village, and the manner in which each participant performed their part was conclusive evidence that Airie has the dramatic talent, as well as the literary abilities, to cope with more pretentious towns. The exercises consisted of declamations, dialogues, tableaux, vocal and instrumental music. The society is greatly indebted to Mr. Sim Bush and Mr. Nim O'Kelly for the fine instrumental music furnished. Let us have another.

Gold and windy. The new store is doing a good business. The grain crops look a little sick since the freeze up.

Influenza in this neighborhood has about lost its grip. Wright Smith is home again after a few days sojourn in Linn county.

Messrs. Elias, Robertson and J. Eaves are building a two story cultivator. The postoffice is moved into the new store. J. K. Hoffman acting as deputy.

Geo. Miller, of Oak Grove, has attractions that calls him this way quite often. Everett Staats, Airie's wolf hunter, sent in four coyote scalps to the Benton county clerk, one day last week.

The Grangers are having a large hall built, which when completed will be something for them to feel proud of. They meet the first Saturday in each month.

Hon. J. H. Hawley, of Bethel, was in town visiting relatives this week. The chairs for the new chapel have arrived, and will be arranged in the room soon.

Linsy has been afflicted with a cold the past week, profably contracted by wading the slough.

"I haven't heard from home since the blockade," is the wail of many of the students from a distance. The council at its last meeting, voted a tax on dogs kept within the city limits. Canines will be scarce now.

The Senior class at the last meeting elected Miss Ida Porter, president of the class and C. E. Cochran, secretary. The entertainment to be given next Saturday evening, Feb. 1st, by the Athletes, will no doubt be the most interesting one ever given by the association.

Several handsome prizes will be awarded to the winners at the tournament Saturday evening. The best tumbler and bar performer are to each receive a silver cup, and several other smaller prizes are to be given. One of the most attractive features of the evening will be the ladies dumb-bell club.

We are informed that there is a slight washout in the C. P. R. R. about a half a mile south of this place.

A. J. Veness and his crew of loggers passed here this morning enroute to the logging camp. If the rain continues, they will, in all probability, get their logs to market in a few days.

Some of our citizens have what is called La Grippe and some have lost their grip entirely, not on life but on their ability to prognosticate the weather and have come to the conclusion that in the future they will be compelled

running sleighs between Arlington and Fossil.

Felix Stricklin, of Condon, is wintering 800 head of horses on Rock Creek near this place.

Wm. Butler has been under the weather for a few days. Say Bill, I believe you have got the heart disease.

Reports reached here that several bands of sheep have been turned out from the mountains to make their own living as their feed had run short.

Stock is dying very fast, not less than forty per cent. of what was left on the range are dead and it is calculated that half of the losses are after the Chinook.

Charles Pincus will start feeding in a few days after leaving his horses and cattle to rustle through thirty-eight days of snow, and probably lose one-fifth of them.

William Turner has closed his blacksmith shop on account of no work to do. They say Bill is down on the creek helping grandpa feed his stock. Say Bill that's what hurt me. E. W.

EASTERN OREGON LETTER.

EDITOR WEST SIDE.—Having just arrived from Eastern Oregon, and thinking perhaps a few notes from that section would be agreeable I note the following:

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MOX.

Will Shreve, in the employ of the Farmers and Mechanics store, of Portland, is back in Dallas on his only visit home for a year.

And still the population of German-towns looms up. Several gentlemen, with their families, arrived in Dallas Monday, from the east.

Messrs. Sibbey and Eakin, our popular young attorneys will soon have their set of abstract books completed. Eastern people who come among us demand an abstract of property before they liquidate, and there is no doubt that the venture will be a financial success.

The Philomathian society, of the academy, will give their annual entertainment at their hall, February 22nd, the anniversary of Geo. Washington's birthday. A pleasant program, consisting of music, essays, declamations, select reading, an oration and a paper has been prepared for the occasion.

Our people are beginning to wake up to the necessity of having waterworks and a good system of sewerage. It is extremely likely that the waterworks will be put in during the year, as a company is already incorporated for that purpose, and the former enterprise accomplished, the city will see to the latter.

RECORD OF DEEDS.

N. K. Shin to Jerome Dornasie, lots in Independence; \$50. D. B. Brumigan to Jerome Dornasie, lots in Independence; \$500. Christian Church to Wm. Amos, lots in Independence; \$125. G. H. Riddle to W. H. Hawley, lots in Independence; \$25. Polk County Land Co. to H. Hirschberg, lots in Independence; \$500. J. N. Morris to Sarah J. Andrews, land in Sec 11 16 & 4 w.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WATERWORKS AND WATER DITCH.

A Company with a Capital Stock of \$40,000 Organized—Half the Stock Already Taken.

On Thursday in the back part of the Independence bank the following gentlemen incorporated the Independence Electric Light & Water Co., namely: H. Hirschberg, A. J. Goodman, J. Dornasie, A. Nelson, H. J. Jasperson, with a capital of \$40,000 of which half was immediately taken. The object of the company is to build, maintain and operate electric lights and water ditches in Polk county. The stock is \$40,000 at \$10 a share. On Friday evening the incorporators will meet and more fully organize.

Gradually our town is to have the advantages of modern science; one enterprise brings another. With electric lights and power, electric street lines will follow; with the water ditch and water works, manufacturing will follow. We are glad to chronicle the organization of the new company.

CARD OF THANKS.

In behalf of the Independence Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, we the undersigned wish to express our thanks to the public for its liberal patronage on the evening of January 17th. To the ladies and gentlemen who donated the many useful and beautiful articles; also to those who so ably assisted in the program—including the Monmouth and Independence brass bands—the singers, the speakers and others.

The money will be used in furnishing the meeting rooms of the company, and whenever the services of the company are required at a fire, we hope they may ever be found faithful at their post and ready and willing to do their duty. Respectfully,

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GARD OF THANKS.

Kind friends of Buena Vista and vicinity, please accept my sincere gratitude for your goodness during the late affliction and death of my son, Sammy. R. F. WELLS.

ed take it as it comes, Wiggins, Ire R. Hicks, and Ayers almanac to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Mr. Wm. Wells, of Buena Vista, the general agent for E. Meeker & Co. of San Francisco, has bought and shipped 61 bales of hops from A. Route of this place. The price paid was 10 cts per lb, amounting to \$1900. The hops we understand, will be shipped via Baltimore, Maryland to London.

The Hingham will have some ops from Hammer to make them some alf and alf." Mr. Wm. Wells informs us that he will negotiate for hops at the highest market price. Those who have a surplus on hand would do well to give him a call.

The wintry winds have been blowing rather strong of late, and the dew of Heaven have descended in rainy tears until the whole town site of Buena Vista looks like an antiquated fish pond. Talk of the streets of Venice, why, they are not a patching to this place, not only can we beat them on having canals for streets but all over the town, we expect to see the Gondoliers navigating their crafts, but in our minds eye we can even see and hear the gentle music of their harps as they glide noiselessly on the surface of the still and placid waters. Any enterprising town that is in urgent need of water power could well ship enough from here to run all the machinery that is required for all practicable purposes. We would not be so liberal in offering this opportunity only we have not the requisite amount of fall to make it profitable to utilize it. To those towns making bids for same, will be required to furnish flat cars and pay for the hauling and twine.

DALLAS ITEMS.

Jno. J. Daly was in Independence the forepart of the week.

Geo. Fowler, brother-in-law of J. J. Wiseman, with his wife, arrived in this city from Dakota, Saturday.

J. H. Taylor's traveling company showed at the city hall, Friday eve, to a small but appreciative audience.

Our new orchestra is doing fine work now in their practicing, and we are assured of good music in that line from now on.

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Dr. J. B. Johnson, our skill-dentist, expects to take a trip to California next month, to remain a few weeks.

FIREMEN'S FAIR.

The Names of Those who Donated Articles for the Benefit of the Hook and Ladder Company.

W. J. Demorest, picture; \$20. Vanduyck & Shelley, linen set; \$5. Bunter & Locke, fancy clock; \$5. Zed Rosendorf, table apron; \$5.50. " " towel; 50 cents. " " tidy; 50 cents. J. D. Irvine, stand lamp; \$5. Henkle Bros., stand lamp; \$2.50. Miss Etta Beamer, picture; \$10. Mrs. M. K. LaFausseur, fancy goods; \$5.

W. H. Whiteaker, picture; \$5. J. L. Stockton, fancy table spread; \$5. Lewis Kelo, ladies shoes; \$3. H. B. Patterson, whisk broom and holder; \$3.

Goodman & Doty, carving set; \$3.50. " " fire set; \$1.50. M. Beamer, whip; \$2.50. Miss Beattie Gibson, picture; \$10. Wheeler & Lines, album; \$8. A. J. Whiteaker, 2 pictures; \$3. " " child's rocker; \$2.25. Burns, Dalton & Co., glass set; \$4. Cooper Bros., washing machine; \$3. Gruevel & Ketchum, perfume bottle; \$1.50.

Barr & Petzel, camp stove; \$4. A. W. Howell, box cigars; \$3.50. A. Macaulay & Co., fancy goods; \$2. Harry Christian, cash 75 cts. Mrs. W. L. Hodgins, cash \$1. J. R. Cooper, 3 boxes soda water; \$15. H. H. Jasperson, table; \$4. J. C. LaFausseur, stationery; \$6. Mrs. A. F. Washburne, tidy; 50 cents. Mrs. J. M. Vanduyck, chair ornament; \$1.50.

Mrs. E. W. Cooper, fancy cushion; \$1. Miss Candace Robinson, banner; \$1.50. Mrs. Jennie Beamer, small chair; 50c. Mrs. T. J. Fryer, set mats; \$1. Mrs. H. S. Middleham, stocking bag; \$1. Mrs. J. E. Hooser, " " \$1. Mrs. F. A. Doty, " " \$1. " " set lamp mats; \$1. Mrs. A. B. Atkins, 2 pair mittens; 75c. Grandina Richardson, 2 pair socks; 50 cents.

Susie Richardson, dressed chicken; \$1. Mrs. O. G. Campbell, lamp mat; 75c. Mrs. J. A. Byers, flower wreath; \$1. Miss Patie Cooper, fancy ornament; 50 cents. Mrs. M. A. C. Robertson, chair tidy; \$1. Mrs. C. W. Leonard, fancy work; \$1. Mrs. J. M. Vanduyck, chair ornament; 50 cents.

Mrs. A. J. Goodman, toilet set; \$2.50. Miss Rose Jones, sofa pillow; \$3. Mrs. H. M. Lines, fancy apron; \$1. Miss Ada Judson, " " \$1. Mrs. G. W. Sharmen, fancy tidy; \$1. Miss Lillie Langtree, fancy cushion; \$1.

Mrs. D. B. Taylor, iron holders; \$1. Mrs. F. A. Doty, 2 fancy aprons; \$1. Mrs. D. A. Hodges, " " \$1. Miss Alice Williams, fancy cushion; \$1. Miss Nannie Shupp, fancy cushion; \$1.

Mrs. B. M. Estes, bouquet; 50c. Mrs. L. W. Robertson, handkerchief case; \$1. Mrs. Dr. T. J. Lee, sewing companion; \$2.50. Mrs. W. W. Percival, scrap bag; \$1. Mrs. Henry Hill, fancy apron; \$1. Mrs. Dr. Ketchum, " " 50c. Mrs. A. M. Hurley, handkerchief case; \$1.

Miss Minnie Johnson, head rest; \$2.50. Mrs. J. D. Irvine, handkerchief case; \$1. Miss Cora Snell, fancy tidy; 75c. Miss J. McAdams, " apron; \$1. Miss Ota Robertson, fancy cushion; 50 cents. Mrs. C. L. Sloper, fancy tidy; 50c. " " " mat; 50c.

Mrs. A. J. Hunsaker, fancy apron; 75c. Miss Beattie Butler, pen wiper; 50c. Mrs. W. H. Wheeler, perfume satchel; \$1. Miss Gertrude Hedges, handkerchief case; \$1. Mrs. W. W. Williams, perfume-satchel; 75 cents.

Mrs. Lalerud Bunn, fancy cushion; \$1. Miss Katie Wheeler, photo holder; \$1. There were also a number of contributions without any name attached, and the committee was unable to list them.

In connection with the above there was a large number of cakes, pies, etc. The total money received was \$324.85, and the total money paid out \$118.40, leaving \$206.45 net cash and \$54.75 in books, music, pictures, table, etc. Total net proceeds \$261.20.

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PRESENTATION.—Last week Mr. J. W. Buxter was agreeably surprised by receiving at the hands of his wife a full size India ink portrait of himself from San Francisco, with a beautiful frame. It was a family affair, but Mr. Buxter was deeply affected upon receiving such a beautiful and unexpected gift.

NEW FIRM.—This week we announce the name of the firm of Jasperson & Parker as successors to H. H. Jasperson in the sash, door and blind factory on Second street. Both gentlemen are fully posted on the requirements of the market and are practical wood workers so that the firm is a strong team. Mr. Parker will do architectural work as formerly.

TONIC SOL-FAs.—Last Tuesday evening a class was organized for practice in this new method of music. We were present and the new system "caught like Greek to us, but we soon 'laughed on' to the idea and expect to soon master the art. This class is free and Prof. McAdams is president; Paolo Robertson, secretary; Ham Hawley, leader. It meets every Tuesday evening.

The mother of Mrs. T. W. Belt, Mrs. L. Case, died at Lebanon on last Thursday, January 23rd, and was buried near Saver on Saturday. Mrs. Case was a pioneer of Oregon and leaves a large family to mourn her loss.

The Russell Jewell Dramatic Co. in "Lynwood" scored a success Wednesday evening and nothing but words of praise were given the performance at its close. As they return on Saturday night in a "White Slave" we predict an overflowing house.

CITY COUNCIL.

Met Tuesday evening January 29th in regular session. Mayor Shelby in the chair and Councilmen Merwin, Shinn, Buxter, Irvine, Wheeler and Kregel present; also Recorder Lines and Marshal Macaulay.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Finance committee asked for further bills on bills of Bacon & Co. and J. M. Mitchell. The committee on ordinance was instructed to make a contract with Wilkins & Culbertson to draw up new ordinances for the city. Marshal was instructed to get new bedding for city jail. Geo. W. Shinn introduced an ordinance for the building of new sidewalks in North Independence. Also to build sidewalks in First ward. Mr. Merwin introduced a resolution for the procuring of plans and specifications for the erection of a fire bell tower on the city property. The marshal was instructed to remove the fire bell from property of J. M. Mitchell and erect the same temporarily on the city property.

The following standing committees were appointed by the mayor: WAYS AND MEANS. J. D. Irvine, M. Merwin and E. E. Kregel.

ORDINANCES. M. Merwin, J. W. Buxter and E. E. Kregel.

STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY. J. A. Wheeler, J. D. Irvine and Geo. W. Shinn.

LICENSE. M. Merwin, J. W. Buxter, J. A. Wheeler.

FIRE AND WATER. Geo. W. Shinn, J. A. Wheeler and J. W. Buxter.

HEALTH AND POLICE. E. E. Kregel, M. Merwin and J. D. Irvine.

Marshal was instructed to build a walk near the school house in Third ward. Six cross walks built by marshal were accepted.