

In the death of Dr. J. E. Davidson, Polk county has lost one of its most substantial citizens, and society a worthy member of high moral character and exceptional mental vigor.

Early in life he conceived the idea of making the practice of medicine a profession, but found many obstacles besetting the path way of his cherished ambition.

Having located in a new and sparsely settled country, without influential friends, and destitute of the mental discipline which comes from professional routine study, he found himself heavily handicapped at the very threshold of his career.

Under similar circumstances most of men would have given up the idea of fitting themselves for a learned profession, but not so with this modest and unostentatious youth.

The many obstacles that beset his path only stimulated his energy and lent a charm to the ultimate triumph which his daring intellect so clearly foresaw.

He purchased a few standard medical works and began the study of medicine. This man of iron will and invincible energy would till his farm during the day, and, then, by the light of his log cabin fire study his books during the long winter evenings, until at last equipped with the learning that "the exploring mind brings from the caves of knowledge" he entered upon the practice of medicine as a profession.

The pioneer community had confidence in the young physician's medical ability, for they were familiar with his studious habits, and recognized his sterling moral and intellectual qualities.

His subsequent professional career is a part of the history of Polk county, and he succeeded in building up for himself the noblest monument any man can have—the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

His word was his bond, and professionally he was honest and faithful in the treatment of the afflicted under his care. Dr. Davidson was a self-made man—one of Nature's noble men.

tribute of respect to the memory of the true and noble woman, whose gentle spirit had fled from its frail tenement of clay.

Among the distinguished persons from abroad were: Mrs. M. P. Deady, of Portland; Hon. A. Bush, Judge R. P. Boise and ex-Gov. Moody, of Salem.

Quite a number of friends from abroad were present, while the friends in the immediate neighborhood turned out en masse. At least three hundred people were present, and some fifty carriages formed in line for the funeral procession.

The funeral services of the Episcopal church were read by Rev. W. L. McEwan of Portland, at the residence of the deceased. The services were very simple but impressive; no extemporaneous remarks were made by the speaker, it having been Nesmith's request that the services should be as unostentatious and simple as possible.

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to the people of Independence for the many kindnesses shown the doctor during his late illness.

A SPRAINED ANKLE.—While returning home from church last Sunday night Mrs. J. E. Elkins slipped and sprained her ankle quite severely. She will probably be confined to her room for several days owing to this mishap.

ANNUAL ELECTION.—The Oak View Grange will hold its regular annual election at Grange hall in this city, Saturday, Jan. 10th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Rev. Dr. Hill.—In the death of Rev. Dr. R. C. Hill, of Albany, another old pioneer has gone over to join the Silent Majority, and Oregon has lost a citizen of more than ordinary mental ability and force of character.

THE CITY COUNCIL.—The city council adjourned last Friday night without a quorum, and will convene again tonight, transact such business as may come before the meeting, and then it will be in order to turn all books, accounts, the officers, good will, etc., over to the new council elect. The new members will bear in mind that tonight is the time of their first regular meeting, and they will please be on hand at their respective posts of duty.

THE FIRST BOAT.—The first boat of the season came up the river last Saturday. It was the little steamer Manzanillo from Portland, and is employed rafting logs for the Willamette Paper Mills. This initial trip was simply to test the depth of water preparatory to commencing the regular boating season.

TAKEN TO ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL.—Mrs. Longene, of Buena Vista, who was taken to St. Vincent hospital at Portland last Thursday, suffered considerable pain and exhaustion from the fatigue of the journey. Mrs. L. has been an invalid for some time, and her disease is so complicated, it is thought by her physicians that a radical surgical operation will have to be performed before permanent relief can be obtained.

SAD NEWS.—On New Year's day our esteemed fellow townsman, W. E. Cressy, received a letter from his brother, Frank Cressy, of Concord, N. H., stating that their father, Wm. P. Cressy, had died at his home in Bradford, N. H., on Christmas day. Our good neighbor feels very keenly the death of his venerable father who was 80 years of age at the time of his transition into the higher life, to use the terminology of the faith in which he was a believer.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The teachers' meeting held at Moonmouth, Dec. 27th, was called to order by Supt. W. I. Reynolds. Prof. Murphy delivered the address of welcome. Prof. Reynolds discussed the best method of teaching history in schools. Miss Loretta Smith gave her method of teaching geography, and Miss Clara Hall read an essay on "Responsibilities of a Teacher."

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.—The Old Fellow fraternity of this city were given a pleasant surprise on last Saturday evening. The wives of the gentlemen members of the lodge very quietly arranged among themselves to give their husbands a pleasant surprise, and, of course, whatever woman proposes she does. It was regular lodge meeting, and when the noble grand announced, receding the ladies gracefully walked into the hall and stated the purpose of their coming. The members were more than pleased to welcome their fair entertainers, so an interesting program was soon arranged which consisted of music both vocal and instrumental.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know just what sugar, and what it does to the system. The old friend of death had no sting for him. His confidence in the Divine Goodness was unshaken, and his faith in the future life was with him a certainty. While sitting up in bed conversing with his brother James O. Davidson, the summons came for him to cross over "the river and rest beneath the shade of the trees" in the beautiful Summer Land.

The primary cause of his death was general debility of the physical system of long standing, the immediate cause was heart trouble of some kind.

There are six surviving members of the family, three sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. David Johnson, of this city; Mrs. B. F. Barell, of Oregon City; Mrs. Leander Burkhardt, of Albany, Or.; James O. Davidson, of Parker, Hezkaiah Davidson, of Pomeroy, Wash., and Jonathan Davidson, of Tillamook city, Or.

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LOCALS. For tools and shoes go to H. D. Walker. Dr. T. J. Lee returned from a professional visit to Portland last Friday.

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