

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Sloan are visiting in Linn county.

Hoyt Bros. are going to start a new jewelry store here.

C. V. Murphy left Monday for a sojourn in Marion county.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crosby of this city, a girl, on August 5th.

Mrs. McGrew has built a neat fence in front of her residence in this city.

It is better to say, "This one thing I do," than to say, "These forty things I dabble in."

Mrs. W. W. Percival, of Independence, went to Dallas Tuesday to visit with relatives.

Profs. Getz and Hitchcock and families arrived home from the Nestucca Wednesday.

Miss Nata Inlow left on Monday's "overland" for an extended visit in the vicinity of Lewisville.

Mrs. Wm. Groves, of Dallas, spent last Monday evening with Mrs. Ben. Whitecomb at Talmage.

Mr. Crosby and wife and son and Mrs. R. C. Percival went blackberrying in Marion county this week.

A fine shower was had here Sunday forenoon, which purified the atmosphere and laid the dust in good shape.

The Southern Pacific last Saturday, discharged all the men at work on the road at this place, except the section hands.

Wm. Baltra and E. E. Hewitt took a drive through Linn county Sunday. They report threshing in full blast over there.

W. A. Wann and wife arrived in town last week, but left again for the Nestucca and will take in the breezes at the beach.

A letter mailed in London April 7th, and remailed in Hong Kong made the circuit of the globe in the fast time of sixty-two days.

J. W. McCulloch, who has been ill for several weeks, started Monday for the Cascade mountains, where he will recuperate for awhile.

The Rickreall flouring mills have again begun the manufacture of bread-stuffs, and have already made one shipment of flour to Portland.

The Junior baseball club of this city, were victors over the Young Champions of Independence, by a score of 25 to 22 at the ball game last Saturday.

The family of C. W. Stengel, who has recently purchased property here arrived on Friday's train, and make quite an addition to our population.

Johnny Reb, the sobriquet given by the union army to confederates during the late war of the rebellion, is said to have originated in a colloquy between pickets. The confederate soldier objected to being dubbed by the union soldier as a Johnny Bull in allusion to the countenance given by Great Britain to the cause of the seceding states, but submitted to Johnny Reb without protest.

Prof. Shedd is busily engaged at present in sending out the new catalogues of the Oregon State Normal School at this place which have been recently published. It is a model of neatness, being ornamented with the college colors—grey and red, and is a credit to the school and to those who did the mechanical work. The prospects of the school are very bright and the attendance for next year will be larger than the one just closed.

Be sure and put a box of Ayer's pills in your satchel before traveling, either by land or sea. You will find them convenient, efficacious, and safe. The best remedy for costiveness, indigestion and sick headache, and adapted to any climate.

As we were passing by the public school building in this city the other morning, we noticed that fully one-fourth of the windows on one side of the building had been broken by rocks being thrown through them. Now what anybody would want to commit such malicious acts for we cannot conceive. It is evidently someone who has no respect for himself or the property of others. We have no bad (?) boys in our town, but it is obvious that we have some good(?) boys who need watching.

The Chinese pay their doctor only so long as he keeps them in health. They believe in preventing rather than curing disease. This is sound sense, and one of the strongest recommendations of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, a medicine which not only cures diseases but prevents them.

Good Taste Commended.

One of the best stories at Harvard is about President Kirkwood's going on a temperance mission to a tavern in the neighborhood of the college. The old building still stands on North avenue, about a mile from the college grounds. It is known as the Porter House and in the days of stage coaches was a flourishing hotel. In Mr. Kirkwood's day the students used to resort to the place and drink the landlord's peculiar concoction of flip. The president decided to look into the matter, so he called at the tavern and ordered a glass of flip. He drank it, smacked his lips and turned his grave face to the landlord. "So you sell my boys this stuff?" said he. "Yes, sir." "And they drink it?" "Yes, sir." "Well, I don't blame them," said the president. "It is most excellent flip." — Washington News.

The Men Who Give Up Their Seats.

Should men keep their seats while women stand? is an oft argued question.

Louise Chandler Moulton, who was one of the well known authors recently at Carnegie Music hall, tersely replied for publication on this question: "I think that women have no right to demand or even to expect that men should give up their seats and stand for their sake, but I think the men who do show this gracious courtesy to feminine weakness are likely to be the nicest men one knows and have a claim in our admiration as well as our gratitude."

A Slight Mistake.

Turner—How did Weeks come to write poetry?
Wells—He had dyspepsia and for a long time thought it was inspiration. —Truth.

As an Example.

The man in 48 was decidedly hilarious and had been so until 3 o'clock a. m., when the man in 46 got out of bed and went down to see the night clerk.

"By gum," he exclaimed as soon as he landed in the office, "what the dickens is the matter with that chap in the room next to me? He's been raising Billy bad in there for four hours, and I can't sleep a wink."

"Aw, that's all right," exclaimed the clerk; "he's a friend of ours, and he's only on a little toot."

"Well, you put me in another room about half a mile away, will you? And say," he added as the clerk called the watchman, "when he gets through with that toot, let me have it, won't you? I get a little happy myself sometimes and catch hail Columbia for it, and I want to take that toot home with me, so's my wife can get some idea what a man can do when he tries right hard." —Detroit Free Press.

Showing a Pass.

As a rule, the man who rides on a free pass does not seriously object to showing it, but he does hate to be annoyed and suspected by the conductor. A passenger on the Royal Blue was requested to show his pass four times between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

"Look here, Mr. Conductor," said he at last, "is there anything wrong with that pass? Did you ever see one before?"

"If you were in my place, you couldn't see them too often. You don't know perhaps that only about 1 pass in 10 is good on the vestibuled trains, and when a conductor turns in one that isn't he is responsible and must stand the loss. Yours seems to be all right, and we shall not worry you again."

It seems to be the custom of most roads to give free pass holders the benefit of the slower trains. —New York Tribune.

Fullness does not necessarily mean perfection. There are people whose heads are like a wastebasket filled with rejected matter.

Dr. Oppel, the great German geographer, says that 1,700,000 square miles of the earth are still uninhabited or ownerless.

Climbing a Coconut Tree. Coconuts when ripe fall to the ground, and when necessary are plucked by men who climb up. It sometimes makes one's blood run cold to see them run up the trees like monkeys.

Two ways are practiced for mounting the trunk. In the case of a small tree, or at an odd moment, the man walks up the trunk, keeping his feet flat against it and throwing his weight back from it as much as possible, retaining his position at the same time by the tension of his arms.

The other and safer plan is to pass a loop of cord around the feet, which are thus kept close together, and grasp the trunk of the tree, the arms in the meantime assisting the climber, who moves upward in a series of jumps. —Frank Leslie's Monthly.



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