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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1896.

The war spirit is dominant in the United States against England is very apparent. We have a grievance against her on the score of the Alaska boundary, and we must maintain the Monroe Doctrine in the Venezuelan affair, if all accounts are true.

Honorable Binger Hermann is making a desperate struggle to prolong his political life at Washington, by securing that coveted chairmanship. If he succeeds he will stand some show for re-nomination, but if he fails, good bye Binger.

Has it ever occurred to our readers that Independence is one of the best lighted towns in Oregon for its size. There are more arc lights paid for by the city than in Albany, a town of twice our population.

Senator Squire, of the state of Washington, has been appointed chairman of the important committee on coast defenses by the republican senate caucus.

The republicans of South Carolina are objecting to the disfranchisement, proposed in the new Tiltman constitution, in much louder tones than they have of late years to protest against the old Butler-reidshirt-shogun method of its franchise.

Even if the country were ready and willing to retire the greenbacks it would not accept Mr. Cleveland's idea of paying about \$18,000,000 a year in interest upon bonds to be issued for their redemption.

Colonel Lamb, the new leader of the Virginia republicans, says the party will make an aggressive fight for the control of the Old Dominion. That's the proper thing to do.

One of the foreign effects of Mr. Cleveland's message is an editorial in a London financial paper, advising its readers not to invest in American securities on account of their doubtful stability.

The war spirit, since Cleveland's latest message of Tuesday, has gone up to a fever heat. If England does not relinquish some of her claims both in Venezuela and Alaska, there is going to be some fighting.

Onkland, California, has a smart man who predicts that there is to be another deluge, like that which Noah survived, and that it will begin December 9, 1901.

The meeting of the republican National Committee, in Washington, seems to have been a very interesting affair all the way through, even if the convention couldn't be given to everybody's city.

Bismarck says he never was an obstinate man; he always gave in when convinced he was wrong. So does everybody else. The trouble lies in convincing them that they are wrong.

David Wells, the free trader, is out in favor of a third term for Cleveland. Mr. Wells had as well make up his mind that this country will never have another free trader for president.

Billy Bryan, the erstwhile demopopulist congressman from Nebraska, is now seeking relaxation as a leader of Omaha society. Evidently he still thinks he has the qualities of a leader.

Whatever the fifty-fourth congress may do, or not do, it is practically certain that it will not authorize the issue of any bonds, unless war should make them necessary.

Perhaps the scent of the Violet was refreshing to Mr. Cleveland after he had seen congress turn the marble face towards his proposal to retire the greenbacks.

The republican side of the house is typical of the republican party; it has so many able men that it is difficult to choose those entitled to special honors.

Perhaps if those who will receive no Christmas gifts could get those given to people who do not appreciate them, everybody would be happier.

Come to think, there are lots of people who have hated the greenbacks ever since the war; but those who love them are more numerous.

Chairman Carter is right in thinking that the republicans should not depend entirely upon confidence to elect a President next year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PARKERS.

The Luckiamute is swollen from the recent rains.

Dick Tom, Thursday last week, had a very distressing accident at his farm in Helmick's addition. He was going to attend to a team when in walking behind one of his horses the animal kicked him on the lower part of the breast or breast plate.

Last Saturday night, owing to the inclement weather being on hand in great southwestern sky full, the night being dark—a shady cat looking white in comparison—the literary opened its door for business and a few minute speeches. A good programme was on hand but our best talent has got over expending their accomplishments on damp air and stormy nights, so they rolled up their collars and rolled home.

Daniel Webster Atkinson, the pioneer coon trapper on the Luckiamute, has bought of Alex Kerr the property occupied by Wm. McCurdy and two vacant lots in the next block south; (we presume for a private cemetery). It is, looking at it from all points of the compass, a very splendid transaction when a young, good looking, unmarried man buys a dwelling, and we would express our opinion, but are afraid of getting into a "box" with silver handles on the sides and the words "Wrest in peace" on the lid.

FAIRVIEW.

On account of so much rain the Luckiamute literary society failed to meet last Saturday.

Hop men who have refused 64 cents for their hops, would be glad to get 5 cents for them at present.

E. J. Young of your city was driving through this vicinity last Sunday exercising his fine buggy team.

We see Miss Siver has drifted her boat over on the craggy shore of Soap Creek. Be careful and don't get anchored on a sand bar.

Christmas is near at hand and soon the year '96 will be a thing of the past.

Last Sunday Dec. 16 the first snow and the first high water of this season. Pretty good for Oregon.

A terrible wind storm passed over Fairview last Tuesday, and blew the

cloud from over the correspondents eyes. The first thing he saw was that Soap Creek correspondent wading out of that oar pond loaded with fish.

MONMOUTH.

A little Oregon mist and a snow storm the first of the week.

Vacation at the Normal begins today (Friday) to last till after New Year.

Don Baughman, of Pleasant Hill, is visiting his brother P. Baughman who is quite ill.

Miss Lizzie Miller, of Perrydale, is visiting in town, the guest of Miss Effie Waterhouse.

Our new store will soon be here and every one should give it a fair share of their patronage.

Miss Maud Stout came over from Salem where she has been working, to spend the holidays with her mother. Miss Grace Hargrove who has just finished a successful term of school in Marion county, returned home last week.

Did we hear the girls whisper that they were going to give a leap year party during vacation? If we did we'll not mention it.

Christmas will soon be here and with it Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Some of the children say they expect Mrs. Santa to come this year on a bicycle, wearing bloomers.

The city election passed off very quietly in our little town, on Monday with regard to all the officers but marshal. The officers placed on a citizens ticket were elected as follows: President of council J. H. Hawley; councilmen, E. H. Castro, J. M. Crowley, I. B. Smith, H. S. Ferguson; recorder, L. Ground; treasurer, I. C. Powell; marshal, N. D. Costa.

A very pleasant family reunion was held at the residence of Hon. Ira Smith, Tuesday. An elegant dinner was served. Those present were, R. M. Smith and wife, John Smith and wife, of Luckiamute Mrs. Flora Campbell, of Latah Wash., Mrs. Melinda Humphreys, E. M. Smith, Miss Billie Wren, Chas. Campbell, Babe Humphreys and Rose and Ray Smith.

Mr. Jones the barber now of Portland visited this place last week.

The O. S. N. S. will close on Thursday 19 inst, to resume work on Jan. 6, 1897.

Mr. Lester Higgins is expected home from Oregon State University to remain during holidays.

News reached Mrs. Prof. Allen on Saturday of the death of her only brother in New York.

The moon was full on Monday and it will be full again on the 30th of this month, but that's no reason for you to go and do likewise.

Mr. John Miller and family moved to Portland on Monday, to make that their home. They had many warm friends in Monmouth who were sorry to have them leave.

At the O. S. N. S. on last Friday morning Miss Applegate read a very interesting paper on the Modoc Indian War. Miss West delivered an essay on that raging theme: The New Woman. Mr. Morry Applegate delivered a very able article on the Advance of Civilization.

The most successful event of the season was the social given Thursday evening of last week by the Woodmen of the World to a number of their friends. The opening remarks were made in a pleasing manner by Consul Commander J. B. V. Butler, after which the Novello quartet sang a pleasing selection. Among other numbers was a talk on "Woodcraft" by A. F. Campbell, earnest solo by Frank Lucas, a description of the lodge's "goat" by J. M. Powell, "Past, Present and Future of the Woodmen," by W. A. Wann; the exercises were interspersed with delightful music by the city orchestra. Next came the refreshments prepared by the Woodmen which were enjoyed immensely. Then the Novello rendered some humorous songs, keeping the company in roars of laughter. At about 11:30 all departed for their homes with many well-wishes for the Woodmen. The lodge here is quite prosperous and is receiving several new "choppers."

AIRLIE ITEMS.

Uncle Dan Tarter left for his home in Eagle Valley a few days ago.

Asa Staats has been delivering baled hay to some of our townpeople.

Willie and Charley Brown shipped a nice lot of turkeys Tuesday morning. The school children concluded to have a Xmas tree at this place. They do not intend to go into any extensive preparations as the house is rather small for a public gathering.

Earl Wilson, the boy singer, and several other performers held forth here one night last week.

Green Hastings and family, of near Kings Valley, are spending a few days with his father here.

One of "Doc" Wilcox's horses, having nothing else to do, laid down a few nights ago and died.

Mr. Quivey, who lost his store by fire last July, will move back to this place in the near future and will put up a new building in the spring.

Moore & Surf traveling for Berg's furniture store, of Independence, have made several business trips to this place. They seem to be doing a good "biz."

The several hundred bales of hops that were stored here are mostly carried off as "samples." There is one thing certain, the price are not going to come up as long as the samples last.

We can see no harm in a man bringing goods to Independence to find sale for them, unless it is butter, lard and other farm produce, which is shipped

in, and of course keeps the farmer from selling his produce at a profit.

Mark Sebring came near meeting a watery grave one day last week. While attempting to cross the raging Luckiamute in a skiff, he lost one of the oar locks and was being carried down the swift current when the boat struck an upturned root and he was pitched out but caught on to some bushes and pulled himself ashore a wet, but wiser man.

OAK POINT ITEMS.

A large portion of our farmers got their grain sown just in time.

Mrs. Joseph Rogers has been very sick, but is some better at this writing. Art Lacy Ed Byers and Johnie Bond are out at Salmon River for a few days sport.

James Huntley and Ed Osborne have 900 bu. of potatoes to sort, one potato at a time.

Wallace Huntley and Frank Rider talk of taking a trip to San Francisco after the holidays.

Charles O'Brien informs us that he will go up to W. B. Lawler's mine on the Santiam, in the near future.

We hear the sweet musical whistle of the elegant Little Steamer Altona as she passes up and down the river.

W. L. Lacy, who has been teaching school up in Kings Valley got through with his school last Friday, and is once more one of us.

The regular Oak Point Correspondent wishes to state to the people of the community that he had nothing to do with writing the article that appeared in the Oak Point Items of last week making mention of a certain person caring more for a scallawag of a team than he did of himself, while, starvation was staring him in the face.

SOAP CREEK ITEMS.

"Say, Fair View, that's all right if Albert didn't know her. Will did."

Doctor Young of Independence has been visiting friends on Luckiamute this last week.

The reporter from the head waters of Soap Creek and Luckiamute says, "snow fell to the depth of 34 feet in forty eight hours."

The high water has not done much damage in these parts yet, but if it continues to rain and the waters keep raising there will be much damage done to fences.

The Luckiamute boys think that the stiver boys are not in it. In fact they said in the past, that we had slowly faded out of sight. "Now boys we have got a new supply of flashy paint on hand, and we are the boys and you are not in it."

Some hunters are camped on Soap Creek and Luckiamute, hunting the wild animals for their fur. Take warning boys if the voice of your hounds is ever heard in this part of the world you will never have the pleasure of hearing them again, as we want the little animals for our own sport.

Silver set free. See Dooty & Locke.

T. J. Fryer celebrated his half-century residence in Oregon on Dec. 15 '96, having come from Missouri in 1846. (The father of the editor of this paper came to Oregon the same year.)

First Baptist church; special Christmas service. Preaching Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. T. Fleenor. Morning subject, "Star led to Christ." Evening, "Song led to Christ." Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. Young Peoples' meeting at 6:30 p. m. All are most cordially invited. Scripture lesson Matt. 2 Chapter.

There seems to be considerable sickness just at present, although none are serious; Little Frank Pierce has brain trouble; Mrs Hornbuckle is quite sick; Tom Souder is doing quite well, but cannot yet walk on his hop poisoned leg; Elwood Hartman has been very low with fever but is recovering; a child of Tom Burch's at Rickreall is recovering.

Independence M. E. church, D. Haeder Glass, pastor; preaching services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 9:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Who May Abide the Day of His Coming?" Evening subject, "The New Born King." A novel programme will be given Christmas eve. The principal features will be a Dutch wind mill, a number of fairies, and brownies.

"My Sweetheart of Years Ago" is a beautiful waltz song and chorus. Published for Piano and voice, also Mandolin and Guitar; Mandolin and Piano; Full Band and Orchestra. 19 way of introduction, either of the arrangements will be mailed to any address on receipt of 15 cents in stamps when ordered direct from ISAAC DOLDS, Pub., Indianapolis, Indiana. (Regular price, 50 cents each.)

Bids For County Printing.

Bids are called for to furnish to Polk county, Oregon, for the year 1897, the following blanks, and doing the following printing to-wit:

Letter heads, per thousand. Legal blanks—full size, per hundred. Legal blanks—half size, per hundred. (All blanks and letter heads to be printed on fourteen pound paper, good quality, sample of such paper to be submitted to the county clerk for inspection before the work is performed.) Printing legal notices, of county court, and monthly statement of bills allowed, per square, per issue, nonpartial measure. Printing twenty copies circuit court docket, usual size. Assessment blanks, per thousand. Bids will be opened at the county court house, at Dallas, Wednesday, January 8, 1897. Done by order of the county court, this 15th day of December, 1896.

B. F. MULKEY, County Clerk.

From the Pastor of the Christian Church.

TO THE EDITOR:—On last Sunday night the pastor of the Baptist church of this city, took the opportunity of his pulpit to reply to F. L. Pierce's sermon on "My Reasons for Leaving the Baptist Church," which was one of many subjects chosen in the present revival in the Christian church. I am not a lover of controversy that descends to anything like darkening the mind with prejudice against one another, or which shall tend to cause either of us to take our trowel and hammer for the purpose of patching up the tumbling walls that divide the true believers in the Lord.

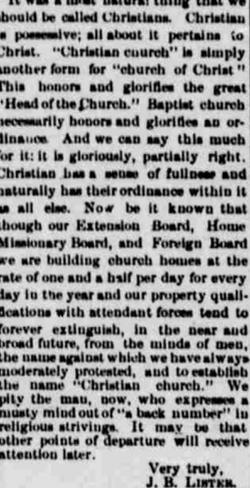
But I do wish to speak of one matter that I am constrained to believe was not judiciously treated by brother Fleenor. It is the question of the name "Christian church". It was difficult for me to not think that he lacked kindness in his persistent statements that we should be called after Alexander Campbell. This is an old habet that no one should unearth who is not blind to the better sense and sympathies of men of like passions with one another. Surely Mr. Fleenor knows that in all towns and cities in all the United States wherever the members of the Christian church have an organization and hold property, they are known in name as the Christian Church; in all their purchases, deeds and business forms they are ever known as the Christian church, Disciples of Christ or Church of Christ; in some way to glorify the name we would "hold fast" and in which we have salvation. And no pen of man records in any document among us "The Campbellite Church." We believe that no brother who judges with any degree of equity, to say nothing of charity, will thus continue to speak. In the seeking of our brethren for a name by which such a body should be designated it fell to their lot to as naturally receive to themselves such a name as "The Christian Church" as it did to the Baptist to receive the name Baptist Church. They have manfully, loyally, faithfully and in the truth of the word of God held the fort on the Bible action of baptism, even for centuries. The issue between themselves and pedo baptists is clear and well defined. Hence, they are called Baptists; and they glory in it, and they rally around it. It is their distinguishing mark before men, their seal for righteousness.

The great question before the people with whom I stand identified, and before all their ministers is Christ: Him to be received in the heart, to be confessed with the mouth, obeyed from the heart, and followed in the life. This alone. To acknowledge no deductions of men in any form ated principles, rules, or set of rules as a confession of faith. But simply (?) understand the Christ, the Son of God. Hence, the issue between us and others was the all sufficiency of the acceptance of Christ as a personal Saviour in contrast with the deductions of men in compiling principles, as that which should be confessed and believed.

It was a most natural thing that we should be called Christians. Christian is possessive; all about it pertains to Christ. "Christian church" is simply another form for "church of Christ." This honors and glorifies the great "Head of the Church." Baptist church necessarily honors and glorifies its ordinance. And we can say this much for it: it is gloriously, partially right. Christian has a sense of fullness and naturally has their ordinance within it as all else. Now be it known that though our Extension Board, Home Missionary Board, and Foreign Board we are building church houses at the rate of one and a half per day for every day in the year and our property qualifications with attendant forces tend to forever extinguish in the near and broad future, from the minds of men, the name against which we have always moderately protested, and to establish the name "Christian church." We ply the mau, now, who expresses a misty mind out of "a back number" in religious strivings. It may be that other points of departure will receive attention later.

Very truly, J. B. LISTER.

Almost ? Distracted ?



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Did you ever suffer from real nervousness? When every nerve seemed to quiver with a peculiar, creepy feeling, first in one place, and then another and all seemed finally to concentrate in a writhing jumble in the brain, and you became irritable, fretful and peevish; to be followed by an impotent, weakened condition of the nerve centers, ringing in the ears, and sleepless, miserable nights?

Dr. Miles' Nerve Restores Health. Mrs. Eugene Seale, 110 Belmont St., Elkhart, Ind., says: "Nervous troubles had made me nearly insane and physicians were unable to help me. My memory was almost gone and every little thing worried me until I was almost distracted. I really feared I was becoming a maniac. I imagined all sorts of evil things and would cry over nothing. I commenced taking Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve and four bottles of this wonderful remedy completely cured me, and I am as well now as I ever was."

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS. To all our customers! We have some suitable articles for presentation to friends or relatives. How would something like this suit you? A nice Carving Set; a set of Roger Bros. Silver Plated Ware; Children's sets of Silver Plated Ware; Toy Rifles; Pocket Knives, Scissors, Razors, Bird Cages, Table Cutlery. If you would have something real welcome in the home, purchase the old reliable Garland stove, the greatest stove on earth. R. M. WADE & CO. INDEPENDENCE, OREGON. SUBSCRIBE FOR THE WEST SIDE.