

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

J. H. LYON, the newly-elected Chief Engineer of the Portland Fire Department, was born in New York in 1829, and is consequently now 47 years of age. Mr. Lyon joined the department in New York in 1850, becoming a member of Engine No. 4. In 1851 he changed to Hose No. 5, of which he remained a member until his departure for this Coast. In 1855 he came to Sacramento, and that same year helped to organize Young America Engine Company No. 6, of which he served as foreman five times. In 1862 he came to this city, and two years later joined Willamette No. 1. In this company he served three terms as president and three terms as secretary. He also served as president of the board of delegates for one term. He is an exempt in New York, Sacramento, and also in this city. Besides his record as a fireman, Mr. L. is one of our most honored citizens, and until his resignation two weeks ago was a member of the City Council.

"A VIEW ON THE WALLA WALLA RIVER."—On leaving the steamer at Wallula, the traveller takes the train of the lately-finished Columbia River and Walla Walla Railroad, and for the first few miles, if he has never made the trip before, will imagine himself entering some desert and uninhabited region. He will very soon, however, change his mind as the train proceeds and he catches a glimpse of the fertile lands bordering the river, with cosy little farmhouses nestling in nooks amongst the hills. Our engraving gives a general idea of the region about Walla Walla river.

THE GOLD MEDAL presented by the Oregon State Agricultural Society to the Alder Fruit Preserving Company of Oregon City is a handsome piece of workmanship and a well-merited compliment to the company, the display of dried fruits and vegetables made by them at the society's late fair being of a nature to reflect credit on the entire State. We are informed the company intend making a display at the Centennial Exhibition, and we venture to say that in the fruit line they'll be hard to beat.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, located on the northwest corner of Third and Alder streets, is a handsome structure, erected in 1871 by the Masonic Building Association at an expense of \$45,000. The lower story was formerly occupied as the post-office, but at present is divided into two large store-rooms. The second floor is used as a public hall, and the third and fourth floors as lodge-rooms for the Masonic fraternity.

ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE occupies one of the most desirable business corners in this city—corner first and Alder—was erected by the Odd Fellow Building Association in 1868 at an expense of \$50,000. The society here is in a most flourishing condition, having three lodges and one encampment in this city. All of them meet in the third floor, where they have a most elegantly-furnished lodge-room. The second floor is occupied as offices by Drs. Jas. Dickson and W. H. Watkins; the well-

known law firm of Dolph, Bronough, Dolph & Simon; Messrs. Atwater & Mason, attorneys; and by the elegant dental rooms of Mrs. Chance & Welch. The first floor is occupied by Simon J. Harris as a dry goods store; E. C. Brigham, jeweler; and by Gray's well-known music store, of which Mr. J. R. Carr is the Portland manager. The latter is an elegant establishment, and is managed with ability. You may pass there at any time of the day and always find some well-known professional trying this or that instrument—the favorite, however, being the world-renowned Steinway piano. The firm has recently purchased over 200 of these excellent instruments, and so rapidly is the demand for them increasing that they can hardly keep up with orders. Further in the rear of the store we come to the organ department, where the Burdett stands unrivalled. On the shelves may always be found the latest in the sheet music line. In the very rear part of the store is the department for small instruments and musical merchandise in general. Here we find banjos, accordions, castinets, flutes, tambourines, drums, brass instruments in every variety, fifes, harps, piano stools, and hundreds of other valuable articles in the music line. A trip to Portland is not complete without a visit to Gray's.

lands, but these same lands, with creeks running through them, also form some pretty scenery. Our artist has very cleverly portrayed one of these views from the highlands near Dayton.

BISHOP SCOTT'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, PORTLAND.—A neat and substantial building, located in the suburbs of this city, and with its surrounding grounds, occupying a tract of land four blocks square. This school (for boys only) is under the supervision of the Right Rev. B. Wistar Morris, its Rector, with Rev. Geo. Burton, A. M., head master, and is in a prosperous condition.

AN OREGON WINTER.—As some of our Eastern readers may, perhaps, be under the impression that we have a perpetual summer here, it becomes our duty to inform them that on the 21st of January we had a snowfall of about 3 inches in depth. On the 22nd it cleared up and turned cold, the thermometer ranging from 24° to 40° above zero. To-day, the 25th, the snow has most all disappeared, the sun is shining brightly, and the air as balmy as spring. Snow is not a frequent visitor in this locality, and this last visit extended not only all over Oregon but even over most of California, as far south as the Los Angeles orange groves.

Kirk Sheldon, the East Portland Hardware Merchant, has a large advertisement on the 12th page of this issue. It calls particular attention to the "Silver Steel Diamond Crosscut Saws," which have gained a reputation greatly superior to any other Crosscut Saws in use. Some of the principal advantages are:

1. It is made of Edge Tool Steel.
2. The method used in its manufacture is superior to any other known.
3. It has the best principles yet applied to saws.
4. It will cut from 30 to 50 cords of wood with one filing.
5. It is the easiest saw kept in order.
6. It will require no gumming for a long time.

It is hardly necessary to enumerate any other. Those wanting the BEST will address Kirk Sheldon, East Portland.

S. I. Stone, cor. First and Ash, is in receipt by every steamer from San Francisco, of the best in the Fruit and Candy line. His French and pure San Francisco Candies are delicious.

"PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT"

Is our motto, as will be seen by our enlarging to twelve pages this month. We also print this issue on bran new type, made especially for it.

We shall make other improvements soon, and intend, as soon as our patronage will justify it, to enlarge to sixteen pages. We are desirous of giving our subscribers their money's worth, and are very thankful to them for the measure of success already achieved, and shall always strive to merit their continued friendship and support. We feel that there is a field for our journal, and it is our highest ambition to make it a worthy exponent of all that is highest and best in our State, so that it will fully represent our people in every respect, and be



SAVED.

"PETS" illustrates to what perfection pigeons—and, in fact, birds of all kinds—can be trained by kind treatment.

"THE LITTLE STUDENT," although hardly able to read, is very earnest in studying her latest picture-book.

"AT THE CROSS-ROADS"—an almost everyday occurrence in sections where roadmasters are negligent. The traveller, having undertaken to foot it to the next town, comes to the cross-roads and finds all trace of names on the finger-board obliterated. Being a stranger, he is almost in despair as to the probability of taking the right road. Fortunately, the mail coach is just coming into sight, and from its usually friendly driver our wayfarer will gain his needed information.

"SAVED!"—Again illustrating the faithfulness of the dog. Playing on the wharf with his faithful Bruno, our young friend, in going to the edge of the landing, suddenly falls in the river. The dog does not hesitate, but plunges in and saves the life of his young master at the peril of his own.

"A VIEW NEAR DAYTON, W. T."—In our last number we gave a general description of Columbia county, W. T., and Dayton, its county seat. Not only is that locality favored with rich farming and grazing

FLUCTUATIONS OF PRODUCE DURING 1875.—The Produce Market at Portland during 1875, was as follows: Wheat, highest July and August, \$1 80 per cental, lowest January and February, \$1 37½ per cental, flour extra; highest, August \$6 50 per bbl.; lowest in January, February and March—\$4 50 per bbl. Oats, highest in July, \$1 90 per cental; lowest in January, \$1 40 per cental. Barley, highest in July, \$1 45 per cental; lowest in March, 1 30 per cental. Bacon, sides 11c to 13c; hams, 12c to 15c; shoulders, 8c to 9c. Eggs, highest in November, 45c; lowest in May, 16c. Butter, highest in October, 35c; lowest in May, 18c. Chickens, highest in March, July and August, \$1 50 per doz.; lowest in November and December, \$3 per doz. Wool, 23c to 25c. Dressed Hogs, highest in January, 7c; lowest in September, 4½c. Dry Hides, highest 16c; lowest, 13c.

The Oregon Almanac for 1876, published by S. J. McCormick, of this city, contains an immense amount of valuable statistics of interest to us in the Pacific Northwest.

Meusdorffer's Hat Factory, located at No. 111 Front, is the place to obtain a fashionable Silk Hat, or in fact any kind of Hat or Cap. His prices defy competition.

an especially valuable journal to send to friends abroad. So please send in your subscriptions, and thus materially aid us in our undertaking.

The ever popular Home Shuttle Sewing Machine can be obtained of the Manufacturer's Agent, G. W. Traver, cor. Third and Morrison, at very low prices. This Machine is capable of doing the heaviest kind of work, as well as the very finest. Judging by the large number of Machines sent out daily, we should say Mr. Traver must be doing a very large business.

They have highly educated constables in one of our neighboring townships, as this will show: Constable Jones, in publishing some personal property for sale, put up a notice with the following clause:

"I will expose for sale the 5 da 1876 uv Jan an lytle rone horse, or so much tharof as ma be nessary to satisfi sed gument."

Oregon still ahead! Mr. Bowen brought into our office this week a bunch of blackberries, taken from vines on his place, on which were berries in all stages, from the first perceptible formation to the perfect berry. If any part of the world can beat that, let us hear from you.—Jacksonville (Jackson Co.) Sentinel, Jan. 5.