

WASCO INDEPENDENT ACADEMY.

We present our readers on this page with an engraving of one of the handsomest and best school buildings in the State—the "Wasco Independent Academy"—situated at Dalles City, in Wasco county. This edifice and the school now maintained in it are an illustration of what can be accomplished in a work which, though promising pecuniary advantage to no one, is felt by a community to be a social necessity. It is only a year since the project of building at Dalles an institution of learning was seriously entertained. Half a dozen residents of the place meeting casually, the practicability of such an enterprise was discussed in a general way, and it was agreed to hold a meeting of the people and ascertain whether there was a reliable basis in the sentiments of the community on which to attempt the raising of funds for a building. The meeting was held at the circuit court room and was well attended; the spirit of the meeting was so favorable to the project that its active promoters resolved to make a determined effort to carry it through to success. A committee, headed by circuit judge McArthur, was appointed to report a plan of organization which would avoid the legal difficulties and dangers and the inherent evils of a loan voluntary association, and at the same time secure the

institution against all temptations to get control of it for personal gain. This was admirably accomplished by the simple device of an ordinary incorporation under the general corporation laws of the State, with a provision and fundamental condition in the articles of the corporation and in the contract of subscription to the stock, that no dividend should ever be allowed upon the stock, but all income of the corporation, no matter from what source, shall go into a fund to build up and maintain the institution. Upon this basis the

corporation was organized in May, 1880, and before January 1, 1881, the splendid edifice was completed.

The building is of brick, with stone foundation, is two stories high and has four class rooms, with seating capacity for sixty in each room, besides four other rooms for recitation, apparatus, music, etc. It is hand finished throughout, and furnished in the very best style. The desks are of the pattern and make known as patent seats, which are used in the Park street school of Portland. The blackboards are of patent slating, and the walls are hung

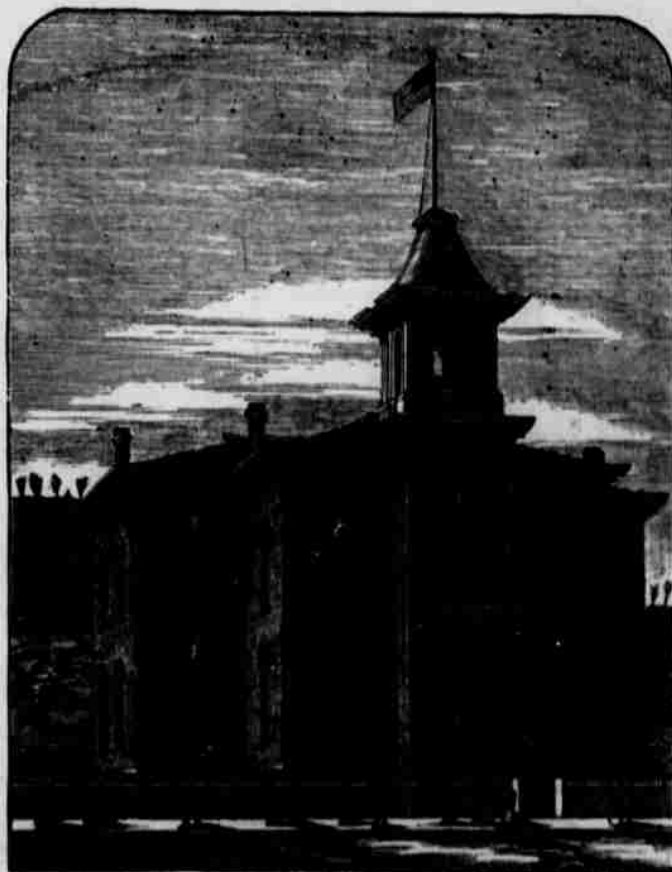
horse chestnut, etc. To all this the best is yet to be added. *The institution, completed with the very best and most improved appointments and appliances for educational purposes, does not owe a dollar.*

The school itself is progressing finely under the master hand of Prof. T. M. Gatch as principal—as any school does where he is in charge. All branches are taught there which are taught in any of the other institutions of learning in the State, and the prospects are that this school will, at the opening of her next school year, stand equal in rank with the leading foundations of the kind in the State.

The people of Dalles have done well in this great work, and their efforts have been recognized by the Legislature, not only in the enabling act above referred to, but in a present of the old U. S. mint property, out of which it is hoped the school will realize a handsome addition to its present financial resources.

A man who passes through this life without marrying is like a fair mansion left by the builder unfinished. The half that is completed runs to decay from neglect, or becomes, at best, but a sorry tenement, wanting the addition of that which makes the whole both useful and comfortable.

A very absent-minded gentleman being upset by a boat into the river, sunk twice before he remembered he could swim.



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with maps, charts, etc., for use in the way of instruction. The building is heated by the best quality No. 2 furnace, with a complete system of warming and ventilation registers. It is located on a beautiful plateau at the north edge of the town, overlooking town and river, and presents a very imposing appearance from the river front. It is upon grounds given by the city authorities, under an enabling act of legislation. These grounds, amounting to about 6½ acres, are neatly fenced and set with trees—poplar, maple,

No matter how industrious or economical a young man is, his endeavors to save are wasted if he has a careless wife. He might as well be doomed to spend his strength and life in an attempt to catch water in a sieve. The effort would be hardly less certainly in vain. Habits of economy; the way to turn everything in the household affairs to the best account—these are among the things which every mother should teach her daughters.

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