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Baptist church services fourth Sunday of each month, morning and evening. Sabbath school at 10 o'clock.

Christian church services first and fourth Sundays of each month, morning and evening. Sabbath school at 10 o'clock. Rev. L. Y. Bailey, Pastor.

A. O. U. W. Stayton Lodge No. 121, meet Monday night. W. W. Elder, Master. W. H. Gardner, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F. Stayton Lodge No. 61, meet third Saturday of each month. Lewis Miller, N. G. Geo. Caspell, Sec'y.

A. F. O. E. W. Stayton Lodge No. 25, meet once each week. W. H. Hobson, Master. A. D. Gardner, Sec'y.

Stayton Owners Band, Geo. Hollister, Lead. Meet once each week.

Trustee officers: S. H. Washburn, Justice of the Peace; T. Thomas, constable and road supervisor.

School officers: T. R. Ordway, T. R. Miller and A. D. Gardner, directors. W. H. Hobson, Clerk.

DR. HUNTER

Surgeon and Physician,
Office of residence on north 21 street.

Stayton, Oregon.

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Watches, clocks, and jewelry, soft and hard, guaranteed. Prices reasonable. Don't buy until you see our goods. Where: DAVIS BROS. KEENE, Jewellers, Stayton, Oregon.

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Stayton, Oregon.

Accidentally Shot!!

W. C. RIGGS INSTANTLY KILLED.

We take from the Salem Statesman the following account of the death of W. C. Riggs, as being about the correct account according to first reports and impressions, but which we modify somewhat at the close:

Word came to the city Sunday evening that W. C. Riggs, a married man about forty years old, with a wife and three children, who resided on the Charles Eggert farm, one half a mile eastward from Sublimity, had been shot and killed about noon that day by Thomas Hammond, of Stayton, a man nearly the same age, also married. The report proved true, as far as the death of Mr. Riggs is concerned, but the manner of the death is shrouded in mystery which will require the enquiry of the courts to solve.

The killing occurred on a farm belonging to Hammond's father and which was occupied by Hammond for a time, but he left it and has been living at Stayton. This farm joins that occupied by Riggs and the latter had some cattle on the Hammond place grazing. At the time of the killing there were present only Mr. Riggs, Mr. Hammond and a son of the latter ten or twelve years old, so that the full facts may never be known, although the tender age of the lad may insure a straightforward story of the occurrence.

Hammond claims that the shooting was accidental, while the gun was in the hands of the boy, and occurred while the latter was standing around the premises. Hammond having a double barrel gun, when some quails were seen flying around, one of which Hammond shot, and then the boy begged to be allowed to shoot one. The father handed him the gun, whereupon it was accidentally discharged by the boy, the charge lodging in Mr. Riggs' neck, killing him almost instantly.

The Statesman's informant says that Hammond has been telling some contradictory stories about the matter, and the boy refuses to talk, so there is not full faith placed in the accidental theory in the neighborhood of the tragedy. It is not known, nor does he vouchsafe to say what Mr. Hammond's business was from Stayton to the farm, some four miles that morning. It is asserted that he and Mr. Riggs had some hot words in relation to some matters connected with the premises in the early part of the day. It is also said by the first man who arrived upon the scene—some relative of Mrs. Riggs—found both barrels loaded of the gun which it is claimed did the shooting and which is claimed to have been the only firearm in the crowd.

A gentleman who arrived in Salem last night, just from the scene of the tragedy, was seen by a Statesman reporter, to whom he gave the information that an inquest was conducted over the body yesterday. Coroner Byland was sent for, but not having arrived at noon yesterday Justice of the Peace Clark empanelled a jury and proceeded with the inquest, assisted by Constable T. J. Hunt and Dr. Hunter. George Carter, V. Lambert, Jas. Taylor, N. La Croix, P. Lambert and N. Lambert, served as jurors, and after deliberation returned a verdict finding that the deceased met death by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of Oran, the young son of Mr. Hammond.

When the Statesman's informant left Sublimity, both Mr. Hammond and his son were in charge of Constable Hunt, having been arrested pending a preliminary hearing before Justice Clark, charged with the killing of Riggs. They were reticent, refusing to have anything to say about the circumstances of the murder or accidental killing of Mr. Riggs. Public opinion is pretty

much divided, many thinking the shooting to have been accidental, while there are also a large number deem it a murder.

Deputy sheriff Wrightman left Salem early yesterday morning for Sublimity to render what service he might in taking charge of the arrested parties and bringing them to Salem, but at an early hour this morning he had not returned.

The accident occurred three miles east and a little north of Sublimity, between 2 and 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The evidence before the jury of inquest was said to be consistent and clear. W. C. Riggs was buried Tuesday afternoon, in the Hobson cemetery, under the direction of Stayton Lodge A. O. U. W. assisted by the Aumsville Lodge; between 30 and 40 members in line. A large concourse followed the remains to the cemetery.

The widow will be entitled to \$2000 from the A. O. U. W. Lodge.

The following is the verdict of jury of inquest:

"We the jury, duly empanelled and sworn to inquire into the death of the body now before us, do find that the deceased is W. C. Riggs; that he came to his death on the 15 day of December, 1889, on his farm in Marion county, Oregon, from a gun shot wound in his neck, said wound was made by a shot gun with fine shot in the hands of Oran Hammond and we believe that said shooting was done accidentally.

Personal

Mrs. W. C. Sandford is quite sick. Geo. Brown is in Salem, having his eyes doctor.

Mrs. T. Garnett, the editor's wife's mother, arrived from Hill City, Kansas, this week and will remain several weeks.

Bell Robinson, who has been down with the fever for several weeks is slowly improving, but is as yet unable to sit up.

Henry James, the piano man of East Portland, is in town. He has a very interesting picture of the animal that ate Webb's big cabbage recently at Silverton.

E. Seifert, our photographer, started this morning for his home in Kings Valley, Benton county, to spend the holidays with parents. He will be gone about a month.

Fred Veal, of the firm of Veal & Sons Albany, was in town Saturday on business. Mr. Veal's were residents of Stayton for several years and carried on the chair business here but last summer, removed to Albany, as a better locality for their business.

CHRISTMAS.—The following is the programme for the entertainment to be given at the Christian church on the evening of December 24th for the benefit of the Sunday school. All are invited to place presents "within the gates" for their friends:

Music, song of welcome, school; Prayer; Recitation, "Christmas greeting"; Harry Hunter; Music, anthem, Lythe choir; Recitation, A candy man, Delbert Harden; Tableau, "Gates ajar"; Music, band; Music, once in royal David's city, class of girls; Recitation, in Santa Claus Land, Francis Osborne; Music, Christmas bells, little girls; Recitation, Annie and Willie's prayer, Deane Kitchen; Music, anthem, by the choir; Music by the band; Music, Old Santa Claus, little girls; Distribution of presents.

Admission, 25c. Children under twelve, free. Exercises begin at seven o'clock.

BIRTHS

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1889, to the wife of John Street, a boy.

Thompson & Overman,

The Leading Manufacturers and Dealers in

HARNESS AND SADDLERY

Whips, Robes, Brushes, Harness, Oils and Soaps.

ALBANY,

OREGON.

Fragments

The money has been raised and Stayton will have a town hall.

The Farmers Hotel street lamp is a nice one and we hope the other business men will have their lamps up soon.

N. S. Brown, the furniture man, bought the old chair factory property of Veal & Son, of Albany, last week.

J. L. Miller bought the east half of the old Thomas donation land claim near Scio at administrator's sale last week.

A. D. Gardner, one of the school board, informs us that a new school building will undoubtedly be erected the coming spring.

David Neff bought another five acres of O. H. P. Darby this week beyond the school house. Consideration \$80 per acre.

Mail service will soon be put on the Oregon Pacific from Albany to Gates. Our mail will come mainly by the railroad probably.

J. Saunders, the merchant from Silverton, will occupy the room adjoining the Sun office. It is now being repaired by W. E. Thomas, the carpenter.

There is to be a Christmas tree in the new Catholic church at Sublimity on Christmas eve. There will also be one at Aumsville on the same date.

M. Davis had Ed. McCann arrested last Tuesday charged with assault and battery. McCann will be tried to-day at Salem. Davis is said to be in the law business somewhat.

A disease called influenza started in St. Petersburg, Russia, not long ago and now it is said to be in nearly every large city of Europe, and may get over to this side of the water. It is not considered fatal.

Thomas & Neff, Lee, Brown & Co., W. H. Hobson, H. E. Osborne, R. G. Keene and J. B. Grier, have had the Sun office turn them out some job printing during the past three weeks. Also Dr. Hughes, druggist, of Mill City.

Remember that the Salem Land & Trust Co. is composed of old settlers of Salem and is one of the enterprising firms in the real estate business at that point. If you want to sell your farm drop a line to that effect to W. F. Peck, secretary and manager at Salem, and there will soon be a buyer.

A Colfax, Wash., dispatch dated Dec. 16th, states that one Ben Blanton shot and killed a farmer named Thomas Clack in Colfax on that date, and discharged his revolver several times at J. R. Bennett and Samuel Dobb. These three parties were prosecuting witnesses against Blanton who had tried to stab Dobb some time previous. Ben Blanton was once a resident of Stayton, and said to be a bad 'egg.'

The Stayton Sun failed to shine at this office this week. What's the matter, McGill?—Silverton Appeal.

The Sun went from this office like the jack rabbit bill through the Kansas legislature, "on the keen jump," and we can't possibly think it was 'holed up' en route. We want the Sun's healing rays to enter the Appeal office every week.

The First Press.

An item has been going around among the Northwest papers to the effect that the first printing press in the Pacific Northwest was used at the Nez Perce Indian mission. Apropos of this Mr. and Mrs. Whit Larkins, living north-east of town five miles, called Tuesday of this week, and told us of the fact that Mrs. Larkins was at Fort Lapaway, or formerly Spaulding's mission among the Nez Perce Indians, east of Walla Walla in Idaho, in 1844, when the New Testament was being printed for the Nez Perce, at which place was the first printing press west of the Rockies. Mrs. Larkins' brother, Wm. D. Stillwell, assisted by one Foisy, a Frenchman, did the printing of the New Testament at that time and place. Mrs. Larkins, or Miss Stillwell at that time, was at the mission several months during the winter of 1844-'45 and distinctly remembers the first press referred to.

Foisy, referred to, afterward came down into webfoot and started the Oregon Spectator, the first newspaper in the Pacific Northwest, at Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkins give an account of the Whitman massacre at Whitman's on the Walla Walla river in 1847, and showed us a lock of Mrs. Whitman's hair, obtained by one of the rescuing party sent out by Gov. Abernathy, provisional governor. Mrs. Whitman's body was found to have been dug up by the wolves after the first attempt and the body badly mutilated. The rescuing party made a second burial.

Wm. Larkins, it may be said in this connection, voted for William Henry Harrison for president in 1840 and named his only son after him.

WANTED—Four Stayton business men with \$1000 each or any other man with \$4000 to purchase the Stayton flouring mills. For particulars apply to

S. A. Jones, Brooks, Or.

Those subscribing for the Sun since last issue are as follows:

Caspell & Smith,	\$1.50
Rev. W. Hurlbert,	1.50
Jo. Fones, Mill City,	0.50
Rev. L. Y. Bailey,	1.50
L. Hobson, Sublimity,	0.50
Wm. Larkins,	1.50
J. P. Davie,	2.50
Mrs. Jane Picken,	0.50
R. G. Keene,	3.50
W. S. Watters,	1.50
A. Imbler, Mehama,	1.50

Those failing to see their names duly credited will confer a favor by notifying this office.

The Ladies sewing society met at the residence of Mrs. Lee Brown, Thursday afternoon and spent a very enjoyable time besides doing considerable work. Ladies who desire work done will find it to their advantage to give this society a call. Regular day for meeting is Thursday from half past one until four.

Mrs. Carrie E. Hurlbert, President.

The Vidette says: "we should like to see some enterprising individual experiment on the montesano Board of Trade with some of the Brown-Sequard elixir. If it killed the organization it would never be missed, and if it should infuse a little life and activity into it the town would be benefited thereby."