

To The One Interested.—Answer To Open Letter.

To Whom it may concern:—

I am asked by what Divine or legal authority I am proceeding or intending to put a baptistry into the Union Church building. I have simply consulted with parties as to cost and the desirability of such an addition; and I have announced upon good faith in the good sense and good nature and generous offering of certain ones who have given as much or more toward the support and building of the Union church as any one else, that we expected to build a baptistry in the church, leaving the fine points of legality and authority with them to settle. When I came to this place I inquired if there were any trustees to consult or authority to obey in the use of the building and was told that there used to be trustees, but their term had expired and none had been elected to fill the vacancies left; that one or two of the original trustees lived somewhere in the country, but they or he had delegated what authority there was to our Robert Smith, and that was all there was to it, custom had framed certain laws and regulation for the use of the building, which allowed any one to use it when some one else was not occupying it. Now if I have superseded my rights or authority I stand corrected before any further damage is done. My action has been simply advisory and hortatory in the matter of stirring some one else up to action, with the intention of having as little to do about the work as possible, that is if I could get some one else to do it.

Now my advise is that our people (that is all who hold with us for a vital and scriptural union of believers upon the basis of confession and practice which we believe to be taught by our Lord and disciples) that such join us in buying lots and building a baptistry, which can be transferred into a building which we shall hereafter use for our work in this place. Such a building is much needed that we may hold services every Lord's day and keep up the early practice of breaking bread as is our custom.

A large tabernacle such as I have heretofore pointed out is our aim, this can be begun on a small scale, building a part at a time. Let us build the baptistry first. Who says yes!

E. A. CHLD.

At Asylum for Insane.

The State Asylum Board met Monday afternoon, and had under consideration the quarterly and monthly reports of Superintendent J. F. Calbreath, for the close of the year 1902, the last monthly report that will be considered by the board as now constituted.

Superintendent Calbreath reports the general health of the institution good; that most of the cases of typhoid fever have fully recovered, and the remainder are convalescent, and that no new cases have appeared lately. During the month he received and paid into the state treasury \$1169.39 for the care of insane patients from Alaska for the quarter ending September 30, 1902.

The total expense of the institution for the month of December, for supplies, provisions, tools, etc., was \$8163.90.

The following statement gives the number of patients in the asylum on November 30, and the number received, discharged, died and eloped during the month of December:

Number of patients November 30; male 876, female 376, total 1252; number received during December, male 26, female 13, total 39; number returned escaped, male 1; number under care and treatment, male 903, female 389, total 1292; discharged, died and eloped, male 17, female 10, total 27; number of patients December 31, male 886, female 377, total 1263; average number daily, 1256.

Shoes. A full line of Ladies', Genst and Children's shoes. S. J. & Co.

Establish Co-operative store.

The Federated Trades Union and the various organizations of labor at Grants Pass are preparing to establish a co-operative store similar to those in towns in the Eastern and Middle states that are controlled by the Grange Farmers Alliance and Patrons of husbandry. Stock is being liberally taken up by the members of the local organization, and by the citizens of the county, and those who have the matter in charge feel confident that they will have no trouble in getting a store started. Only groceries will be handled at first, but it is the intention of the promoters to branch out and handle all lines of merchandise. The combination of all the Grants Pass stores and a mutual agreement to keep prices at a high mark is the labor organization's reason for establishing a co-operative store.

Death of Dr. Alexander.

On Christmas morning the death of Dr. W. F. Alexander occurred at Campbell, this county. Dr. Alexander was born October 5, 1823, in the state of Virginia. When a young man he crossed the plains, arriving in Oregon in the year 1852, settling near Albany, Linn county, where he engaged in the practice of his profession.

He was a man prominent in the early history of the state, where he represented his county in the legislature for several terms. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge of Albany and an honorary member at the time of his death.

Dr. Alexander was a man of unusual intellect and power, a man once met never forgotten. A magnetism surpassing that of most men was his. Charity and benevolence were his cardinal virtues. A widow, two sons and five daughters survive him.—San Jose Mercury.

Broke Jail a Year Ago.

Sheriff Storey and Deputy Sheriff Fred Matthews last night arrested Emmett Kimberling, who broke jail a year ago at Canyon City, just before he was to be sentenced for horse stealing, having already been convicted.

Information was received by Sheriff Storey from Judge Clifford, of that district, that he was supposed to be in Portland and this resulted in the arrest of the man in a lodging-house at East Washington and Water streets. He was going under the name of Jackson, and was doing concrete work for a well-known contractor, he was inclined to deny his identity, but finally confessed and said he had stolen a horse worth about \$30. Kimberling has a wife and child who have just arrived here to live with him, and they are in a penniless condition. The Sheriff has notified the woman's parents and an effort will be made to have her sent home to Eastern Oregon. The Sheriff of Grant County has been notified to come for his prisoner.—Telegram.

Bold, Bad, Bear.

James Brown, of near Cascade Locks was in the city last evening and reports that there has been an unusually heavy fall of snow in that section during the past few weeks. As a result game of all kinds has been driven down from the mountains, and the farmers and lumbermen are feasting on fresh meat.

Deer have become so bold that they wander in proximity to the houses, and become an easy prey to the marksmen. They are in fair condition and make fine venison. One man up that way has killed ten handsome fellows within the past week. He is salting part of them down for future use. Others have been almost equally fortunate.

Mr. Brown also says that bears are paying the ranchers almost daily visits. As they are fond of pork they have become a great nuisance, having killed quite a number of young hogs. Two or three farmers became so enraged at the depredations committed that they have been keeping a persistent

lookout for the big shaggy animals. Their patience has been rewarded to a certain extent, as they have three bearskins to their credit.

The brush is so thick that but very little headway can be made following bruin. He will struggle strangely swift through a dense copse of underbrush that it is impossible for a man to penetrate. The marauder, therefore, has a decided advantage, and Mr. Brown says he knows how to make the most of it.—Portland Journal.

Pension for O. R. & N. Men.

Portland, Dec. 20.—The veterans in the service of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company will receive the compliments of the Christmas season for the company in the shape of an official notice of the inauguration of a new pension system beginning January 1st, 1903. The information was given out by President A. H. Mohler today. The circular says:

"On January 1st, 1903, the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company will establish a pension system and provide the necessary fund for the same, the benefits of which will accrue to those employees who have been twenty years continuously in the company's service, and who have reached an age necessitating retirement therefrom. The amount of pension to be paid an employe will depend upon the length of his continuous service with the company, and his average monthly salary during the last ten years thereof."

Local Control in Counties.

It appears that again the division of a county from Wasco and Crook will come before the Legislature. If precedent be accepted, this issue, purely local to the people of that region, will be injected into state matters at Salem, and affect decisions that concern everyone. It is obvious that this county, for instance, has no interest in the subject, and is willing that the people there settle the dispute as they see fit. Yet, if history repeat itself, as history habitually does, this local issue will be used to mix up affairs at the state capital and bother every county in Oregon.

Likewise city charter issues will come into the Legislature, and will be made material upon which members will trade their votes. Why one city should care how another city governs itself, is beyond the ken of reasonable persons. Yet, by the senseless laws of this state Portland may not regulate its internal affairs by the adoption of a new charter without asking consent from every other city in the commonwealth.

Let us have a general statute providing for certain basic principles of government for cities and counties, of graded classes, and refer such matters to the people in question. This would be local self-government, and would eliminate from Legislative sessions many troublesome concerns that consume valuable time, and permit politicians to muddle matters two years.—Portland Journal.

Irrigation Returns.

In connection with the present interest in the development of irrigation in the West, the following facts noted from a paper recently issued by the United States Geological Survey on the "Development and Application of Water near San Bernardino, Colton and Riverside, California," by J. B. Lippincott, resident hydrographer for the State of California, will be of interest as showing what may be done by means of irrigation and also the limits of its possibilities.

In the eleven years prior to 1898 there were shipped from Riverside nearly seven million boxes of oranges, which at fair figures means an average income of \$1,000,000 a year. With the present condition of the orchards an income twice as large may be expected. During the season 1897-98 four thousand carloads of citrus fruits were shipped from Riverside, while in 1899 the annual yield was said to be one-third of the entire output of the State. Previous to the application of water it is sec-

tion was a poor sheep pasture, worth hardly 75 cents an acre.

With regard to individual profits, a man should average 10 per cent on his investment at the end of fifteen years, but if the conditions are modified by a lack of water supply, destructive frosts, or low grade of trees, the profits may be much reduced. It costs in the neighborhood of \$900 an acre to get a citrus orchard in bearing condition, including land, water, and interest on the investment. Under favorable conditions a ten-year-old orchard should produce \$200 gross and \$100 net per acre. When all conditions are satisfactory it takes five or more years of hard, patient and intelligent work to place an orchard on a paying basis; so it will readily be seen that it is not a poor man's business, but is subject to the stern laws of the survival of the fittest, as are other lines of enterprise. When, however, success comes, life in this region is ideal—a country life in a pleasant land, among golden fruit and cultivated neighbors, with most of the conveniences of the city.

Took Corn Salve.

One day this week a Jap laboringman hurried into one of the drug stores in the city and asked the popular and obliging young druggist he found there for cough medicine. Of course his pronunciation was not as clear as it might have been, hence the druggist showed him some corn salve, which seemed to suit him, but he wanted it in the liquid form. Then the obliging druggist dissolved some of the stuff and gave it to him in a bottle and he went away happy.

Within a few days he returned to the drug store and informed the druggist that had waited upon him that the medicine had done the business with him, and also with a couple of his fellow countrymen, who had been nearly sick with bad colds.

They had taken the stuff internally and it had done the work, curing them completely.—Bohemian Nugget.

A Good Cough Medicine.

From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia.

I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. WOCKNER. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefitted, as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by all druggists.

FROM OVER THE MOUNTAINS.

Lebanon Express.

J. C. Gordon returned to Lebanon yesterday from eastern Oregon, after an absence of several months.

Prineville boasts of a hairless dog, but admits that the little fellow looks chilly on a frosty morning.

The appointment of a postmaster for Albany may occur within a few days. The four-year term of the present official will expire within two or three months. There are several candidates for the position.

The saloon of James Gully, in Albany, was robbed Tuesday night, an entrance being effected by the rear door, which was left open by the burglar upon his departure. Nine dollars and forty cents, the only money left in the till, was taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo McKnight who have been living near Heppner, for the last two years, are visiting in Linn county. Since going into that country George and Frank McKnight have accumulated quite a band of sheep and have found the business profitable.

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