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New Hotel Is Nearly Finished

The handsomest building in the city up to this time is that now being finished by the new St. Johns Hotel Company, corner of Philadelphia and Ivanhoe streets. While it is not a large building, the ground space being but 36x60, it was built so solidly that the third story may be safely added to the two stories already constructed—and the rooming capacity be thus practically doubled.

Work is being pushed on the finishing of the entire house as rapidly as possible—as it is the desire of the proprietor, J. B. Nye, who is manager of the company, to have his rooms tenanted at an early date. The rooms are all commodious and from nearly all of them is to be gained a beautiful view of the surrounding country. When ready for patronage there is little doubt that the rooms will be occupied continuously.

The office, which will be the room upon the corner, is nearly ready for occupancy. The retail cigar trade of Peterson & Company has been placed in this room, occupying one entire side of the place. There will still remain sufficient room for many chairs, and the office proper with the suitable fixtures. The west room is used as a saloon—and there still remains considerable to be done before that room is completed. At the present time, however, it seems to be a rather busy place—but the walls are yet bare and a few weeks will be required to arrange all things in order.

Arrangements have been made by the management for an addition to the building which will use about 28x36 of the remainder of the premises. This addition will be made two stories in height, and will correspond with the balance of the building. This will give more room space on the second floor as well as for the kitchen and other necessary rooms on the ground floor.

An Author of Considerable Note

Ex-Governor J. H. Fletcher, now of Salem, intends soon to remove to St. Johns—where he has acquired property interests, and the citizens of this city will be the gainers by the removal. He was here a short time since and was much pleased at what he terms the brilliant prospects of St. Johns.

Mr. Fletcher is a writer of considerable note, and his matter appears in many magazines and papers. He has favored THE REVIEW with the following little ode which we print with pleasure, and there is a belief that when once a resident here this paper will publish many little gems from his pen. This is the

ODE TO ST. JOHNS.

On Willamette's placid stream,
Where its matchless beauties beam,
There she stands in stolid form,
Laughing at the rain and storm.

Foreign ships their cargoes bring,
To her wharves where others cling;
Mills and factories arise,
Steeple points toward the skies,
Before thy tread, baby town,
Laggards quietly lie down.
Little giant of the north,
Young in years, but vast thy worth,
Big with promise—full of life—
Strong the faith in thee is rife!

Mecca of the lab'ring world,
Flag of enterprise unfurled,
Gladly to thy soil we flee—
Little city, near the sea.

Remembered The Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Arnett on Tuesday quietly celebrated the anniversary of their marriage. At the same time their daughter, Mrs. W. G. Clark, celebrated the anniversary of her wedding to W. G. Clark—it having been a double wedding at different dates. It is not a common event for mother and daughter to have chosen the same day of the same month for the nuptial ceremonies.

Old-Time Print Sets Good Stuff

THE REVIEW force was refreshed last Saturday by the advent of George W. Himes, now principal printer of the Oregon Historical Society, and one of the oldest printers on the coast. Mr. Himes still cherishes the memory of that day in April, '65, when the first news of the assassination of President Lincoln reached Portland; and tells with minute detail of how he "set" the first "two sticks" of type announcing the sad news. In fact, since '62 there is scarcely an episode of any moment to the state which he can not give in detail and with the utmost precision.

When future generations shall compile histories of Oregon it will be from the work done by Mr. Himes that the details will be gathered—for he is deeply interested in all that pertains to the history of this great northwest. It is through his efforts in the main that the present Historical Society has secured so many valuable souvenirs from all portions of the state, and has gathered from countless sources bits of history which he has carefully compiled for the benefit of future historians.

While Mr. Himes was in THE REVIEW office he set from an ancient diary kept by James John an extract which has never before been in print. This diary is a wonderfully preserved and carefully written little book, and contains many points of interest and information new to many. It is carefully preserved in the archives of the Society and upon its writings will be based much information regarding this immediate portion of Portland's suburbs.

The following is the extract put in type by Mr. Himes from the diary:

(The following is an extract from the diary of James John, the first settler in this city. It is the last entry in his diary—G. H. H.)

July 1, 1843.—To-day we came about 12 miles through what is called Quallatty [Tualatin] plains and encamped on a small creek near W. D.'s [William Doughly's] plantation. The plains are beautiful for making farms. Nature has cleared them out and surrounded them with creeks of good water and timber. The land also appears to be good. The wheat crops also are very good this season; the grass plenty and of an excellent quality.

July 2.—To-day I left the company. Stayed here until the 4th and went to Vancouver, a distance of about 25 miles. Bought some clothing and returned to Mr. Doughly's, where I remained until September and commenced a farm myself and sold my improvements for \$80.00, and made another one mile west of it in the plains. This I also sold in the year 1843, about the middle of December, for the sum of \$1,200, and left here about the first of the year 1844 and bought a town lot in the town of Linton and built a warehouse.

Benefit Ball For Fire Department

This (Friday) evening there is to be a benefit dance for the fire department of this city, and it behooves everyone to buy a ticket whether or not they go. It is very necessary that there be some more funds raised for this volunteer department, and it is believed that no better plan could be adopted at this time for these same funds.

It is the desire now to have a good department in the city, but there are certain expenses which must be kept up. So long as there are no fires amounting to anything everything runs smoothly—but the moment one fire occurs which threatens the entire city there arises a great cry regarding a fire department. The only way to prevent fires is to take pains at the start to have a trained company of fighters, and as a general rule people are not going to individual expense to fight the battles of others.

Let everyone patronize this dance. The little four bits donated does not amount to much for each one—and the total can be made a goodly sum. It promises to be a pleasant one in all respects.

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