

LOCAL EVENTS.

MODERN ATHENS UN.—The battle of Demosthenes. Last Saturday evening was one of the joyful and enthusiastic events in the history of the Hesperian Literary Club. The meeting was called to order by Prof. S. W. Holmes, who delivered a brief address, which was much appreciated by the many embryo orators, who compose the membership of their society. Jacob Tompkins, in his familiar fascinating style, rendered an excellent reading. The debate, "Resolved, That the Inventor Benefits the World More than the Statesman," was won by the negative. The affirmative was led by Harry Allen, his argument and logic showed that he was sincere in his declaration and his remarks added another golden leaf to his "oratorical crown." He was followed by his colleague, Edgar Meresse, who warmly enforced the declaration of his predecessor. The negative was led by the young silver-tongued orator, Howard Brownell, who made a powerful and eloquent plea in favor of the statesman. He was followed by Charlie Babcock, whose decisive argument made the affirmative side tremble. Herbert Shaw rendered a very fine recitation, which was much applauded by the society. Last, but not least was the beautiful recitation of Miss who displayed wonderful and promising talent as an elocutionist. This recitation attracted the attention of the whole assembly and the noise made by the dropping of a pin could have been distinctly heard. Friday, December 30, the first debate of the series, between Park Place and the Hesperians will take place. All are invited. A LISTENER.

QUEEN ESTHER—The cantata Queen Esther was put on at Shively's hall on Friday and Saturday evenings in a very creditable manner under the supervision of Prof. F. K. Hepburn. Much credit is also due to Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Norris for their work. About 100 people were on the stage. The leading parts of Mrs. W. P. Hawley, Mrs. E. E. Charman, Mrs. J. W. Gray, Mrs. A. S. Dresser, V. Harris, W. A. Askin, C. A. Miller and H. P. Bestow were rendered in first-class style without a hitch. Thanks are also due to P. F. Morey for lights furnished and to Mrs. McAdams and Miss Monroe for drilling the children to the chorus and to Miss Spangler for acting as pianist. The total receipts were about \$120 with expenses of about \$85, leaving about \$35 as the net proceeds for the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL.—The annual reunion and roll call of the Baptist church of this place will take place on New Year's day. There will be two services, one beginning at 2:30 and the other at 7:30 p. m. Every member is expected to be present, if possible, at least at one of these services and respond to his or her name at the roll-call, and if unable to be present it is requested that there will be a response by letter sent either to the pastor or clerk, so that all may be represented on records. Besides the roll-call there will be other services of an interesting character. Go prepared to stay between the services and enjoy a social time and have a basket dinner together at 5:30 p. m.

A RUSING HOUSE GREETED THE WEBER COMPANY.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Weber Dramatic Co. has been with us for a week, the house last evening was filled to overflowing by an appreciative audience. The several characters represented by the really talented members of the company were truly portrayed and in a manner in which the most critical critic could but bestow words of praise. The Weber Company has made many friends in this city during its stay here, and upon future visits it may be assured of a most cordial reception.—*Baker City Democrat.* The Weber Company will play all of next week at Shively's; prices 25, 35 and 50 cents; Christmas matinee on Wednesday, prices 15 and 25 cents.

TRIAL BY JURY.—The comic opera, "Trial by Jury," will be the next and last production for this season under the direction of Prof. F. K. Hepburn. "Trial by Jury" is one of the best works of Gilbert Sullivan, author of Pinafore. The music is bright, full of comedy, and you will be able to stop laughing. Mr. Askin will make out the cast. Watch the date and don't fail to see this master piece of comic opera.

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MORE TROUBLE FOR BATY.—Alexander S. Baty, now under arrest in Portland charged with the forgery of the names of J. and E. Harrington, farmers, living at Highland, to a note and securing \$25 on it from Edgar A. Goodnough, is now in for more serious trouble. Last Thursday another charge of forgery was booked against him by the prosecuting attorney, and the methods employed by the prisoner to raise money show the craftiness of a designing and dangerous person. He tried to negotiate a note for \$900 to which he had forged the names of J. W. Shattuck, J. W. Lawrence, J. P. Powell, J. J. Robertson, Geo. Renny, H. S. Harvey, Wm Gadenike, Chas. Cleveland and Percy Gessie of Gresham.

DEMOCRATIC STATE MEETING.—Mr. Napoleon Davis, secretary of the democratic state central committee, has issued a call for a meeting to be held in Portland, Tuesday, January 7. The purpose of the meeting will be to arrange for holding a convention and fixing a basis of representation. Mr. D. W. Sears, chairman of the committee, who has been in ill-health for some months past, is now so far recovered as to give some attention to party affairs, and he proposes to have the democrats in fighting trim early in the campaign. The democratic state central committee for Clackamas county is W. E. Carl.

GRAND COSTUME BALL.—A costume ball, with or without masks, will be given at Armory hall on New Year's eve December 31st; music by Roos' orchestra, formerly of Del Coronado, Cal. Many valuable prizes will be awarded. Prizes on exhibition at McKittrick's, the shoe man; tickets on sale at Huntley's book store; gentlemen 50 cents, ladies 25 cents. The management has decided to offer a handsome trumpet to the fire company selling the largest number of tickets. No respectable characters admitted.

CHRISTMAS AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Presbyterians are preparing for a very novel and interesting entertainment for Christmas. Instead of the usual tree they will have a genuine Dutch windmill with a Dutch miller who will "grind out" the presents for the little ones. Everything will be as much like Holland as possible, big wooden shoes and all. All are cordially invited to this entertainment on Wednesday evening.

XMAS ITEMS.—Tool chests for boys from 10c up, steel wheelbarrows for boys from 95c up, steel express wagons for boys from \$1 up, large rocking horses for boys from 72c up, doll carriages from 25c up. Large assortment of useful presents too numerous to mention at Bellomy & Busch's establishment.

BOARD OF TRADE.—A meeting of the board of trade was held on Monday evening. Several resolutions to congress for improvement of Willamette river were adopted. The road up the hill at the southern end of town was discussed and several plans proposed. One plan was to build a roadway over the railroad at the flour mill, to cost \$1800, and another was to build one under the track on Third street to cost \$4000. The matter was left in hands of Prest. E. E. Charman, H. H. Johnson, J. G. Pillsbury and J. T. Apperson.

CITY COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the city council was held on Monday evening. Ordinances authorizing sale of cement mill property to P. G. E. Co. and to employ W. W. Thayer and L. I. Porter to appeal the city's case against the E. S. Ry. passed. Warrant for \$110.37 ordered drawn in favor of Miss Kate Barclay for overpaid interest. Councilman Porter ordered to buy hose clamp for fire department. Six months' notes at 10 per cent. ordered taken in payment for Seventh and Fifth street improvements.

LARGE SALE OF SEATS.—Reserved seats for the play of Damon and Pythias are selling rapidly. This will be the finest local production ever given in the city. The cast of forty people are from the finest local talent, among which we note the following popular players: Messrs. Bailey, Rice, Strange, Hedges, Welch, Jones, Mrs. Clark Ganong, Miss Sadie Chase and a host of others, all under the direction of Prof. Wm. Rasmus and wife. Secure your seats at once and thus show your appreciation of the efforts of this home organization, which is a credit to our beautiful city.

XMAS PRESENTS. It would take this whole paper to tell you all the articles we have for Christmas, as we have cigars, pipes, stationery, perfumes, knives, razors, autograph albums, albums, tissue paper, ink stands, manicure sets, toilet sets, Xmas cards, writing desks, gold pens, mechanical toys, etc. Remember Charman & Co's Drug Store.

Secure for Christmas present one of those souvenir views on chinaware at Burmeister & Andresen's. They are beauties.

One man bought sixteen of our 25 cent cloth bound books at one time, and many buy from five to ten copies. They're big values; better select now from them, or from our sixteen cent line. Huntley's Book Store.

LOCAL NEW ITEMS.

Remember the Thespians Friday night.
A USEFUL GIFT, gold pen and pencil, at Charman's Drug Store.
J. A. Chase has returned from an extended trip to the East.
New Orleans stable syrup and molasses. E. E. Williams, the grocer.

P. M. Weddell left this week for California for a visit to his brother.
A. Tilzer is clerking for C. G. Huntley and will remain during the holidays.
Henry Meldrum is building a barn on his property, adjoining Mr. Putrow's.
Herman K. Jones is on the sick list, being unable to attend to business duties.

S. R. Katzmilller was on Monday appointed postmaster at Dover, this county.
L. Ruconich will open his new restaurant in the new Hill & Cole block about the 25th.

See our perfumes; our 10 cent bottles are daisies. Charman & Co., City Drug Store.

The State Teacher's Association will be held in Portland on January 1st, 2d and 3d.

G. S. Lewis is now Oregon City agent for the O. C. Transportation Co. at this place.

Woodman of the World are in the lead, attend their production of Damon & Pythias Friday night.

The Congregationalists gave a very enjoyable "Mother Goose" entertainment on Tuesday evening.

The Clarion is the name of the latest venture in Portland newspaper field. It is bright, clean and fearless.

Mrs. G. N. Gibson of Seattle visited her sisters, Mrs. J. H. Ralstrom and Mrs. C. A. Miller, during the past week.

License to wed granted on 16th to Lena Blanken and Schuyler Platt, on 17th to Nannie Haley and G. L. Perdue.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Steel and their niece, Miss Eva Meldrum, returned last Thursday from a visit to California.

Mrs. M. A. Plumley of Portland and her son, Adney A. Askin, of Tacoma, spent Friday and Saturday last in Oregon City.

W. A. Askin of Portland during his stay in the city in connection with the cantata "Queen Esther" has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Heath.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY from 5 cents to 25 cents, is the sign displayed in Charman & Co.'s City Drug Store window. They are bargains.

W. A. Wheeler, of the Novelty candy store, left on Wednesday with his daughter for Portland, where she will take a course of treatment at the hospital.

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Mrs. Herietta Baltrusch, sister of Mrs. M. Klinger of West Side a ddition, died on December 13th and was buried Sunday, December 15th. She leaves two daughters.

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Rev. D. B. Gray of Portland will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday morning. In the evening there will be a Christmas song service with special music.

A pretty, artistic Calendar makes an acceptable Christmas present that keeps the giver daily in mind for a year. You can get them from 10 cents up to \$1.00 at Huntley's Book Store.

The Rebekah ball on last Friday evening was a success. Notwithstanding the "Queen Esther" performance and the bad weather a good crowd was on hand. The net receipts were about \$20.

Remember the Thespian Dramatic Club makes their first appearance before their home people Friday evening in the great historical play, "Damon and Pythias" given them a packed house.

Tennysen Bleakney was released from the county jail on Thursday on the strength of affidavits to the fact that he was in Portland at the time Brown was supposed to have been murdered.

J. A. Achon of Santa Cruz, Cal., has filed a petition against the administration on the will of Solomon Achon. The property consists of a farm of 140 acres in the Noble claim and about \$600 in money.

The boys of the Y. M. C. A. will give a fair and sack social on next Monday and Tuesday evening, the 23d and 24th, at the old M. E. church on Seventh street. Come and help the boys and a good cause.

Don't fail to see our holiday display, a thoroughly first-class stock, combining quality and elegance, with prices within the reach of all. Visitors are cordially invited. Burmeister & Anderson, reliable jewelers.

Last week Grace Elizabeth Michell and Balfe De Vore Johnson were united in marriage at The Dalles. The ceremony was witnessed by relatives of the bride; her uncle, Rev. William Michell, pronouncing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have gone to Astoria, their future home.

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The reduction of price in Photograph Albums, as announced last week is having the desired effect in reducing our stock. If you want a pretty Celluloid Album for \$1.00, or Plush one for 50 cents, better get it now at Huntley's Book Store.

The East Side electric road is not very particular about the comfort of its patrons. Some of the cars have stoves or heaters which seldom have heat in them. The cars of this road will hereafter run down First Street in Portland instead of stopping on Madison. The Steels would not do this much for their patrons if there was a cost attached. They were given free use of street for the operation of their cars.

The theatregoers of Colfax have been treated to a feast of dramas this week by the Weber Dramatic Co., which has been playing in the Waite building. The company is a good one and considering the make shift and all properties they are compelled to use have given as good performances as any ever in Colfax. Tuesday night the play was Tom Roark's Vision which sparkles with humor and have enough pathos to hold the attention of the audience.—*Colfax Commons.* At Shively's next week; prices 25, 35 and 50 cents; Wednesday matinee, 15 and 25 cents.

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It is just possible that before another Christmas comes around they may be called on to defend with their bayonets and lives if need be, the Monroe doctrine, so dear to the hearts of patriots.

The committees in charge of the dance are:
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Floor.—Sergt. C. E. Hickman, Priv. H. K. Jones, E. S. Hickman, Geo. McBride, Ross Spencer, H. E. Jones.
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