

**BAPTIST BIRTHDAY ENTERTAINMENT.**—The musical and literary entertainment at the Baptist church last Tuesday evening was interesting from start to finish. The committee deserve credit for their excellent tact in arranging the evening's amusements. The invitations that were previously sent out were unique affairs, on which were inscribed the following verse of poetry, which is self explanatory:

This birthday party is given to you.  
'Tis something novel something new;  
We send you each a little sack,  
Please either send or give it back.  
With as many cents as you are years old,  
We promise the number will never be told.  
Kind friends will give you something to eat  
And others will furnish a musical treat.  
The social committee, with greetings most hearty  
Feel sure you'll attend your own birthday party.

The program throughout was excellent and well rendered, the first number being a brilliant selection by the Halcyon chorus, under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Charman, which responded to a hearty encore; next followed a vocal duet by Misses Veda Williams and Ethel Albright, which was well received; a recitation by Miss Pattie, who charmed the audience; a vocal solo by Miss Lena Nemier, which was very good; select reading by Mrs. Josephine DeVore Johnson, which kept the audience in constant humor; trio by A. S. Dresser, violinist, and E. F. Driggs, cornetist, with Miss Ora Spangler, pianist, was superb; club swinging by Miss Anna Bebb, was a display of marvelous skill; a vocal solo by Mr. John Loder; recitation by Mrs. Olson, which displayed ability as an elocutionist; solo by Miss Kate Ward, who, as usual, charmed the audience and responded to an encore with a second number; exhibition drill by the Y. M. C. A. boys, under the direction of Mr. Levi Johnson, showed the manner of the systematic exercise in the gymnasium department of the association. The program closed with another selection by the popular Halcyon chorus, after which the doors to the luncheon rooms were thrown open and all made welcome, where a bountiful supply of coffee and cake was served. A variety of games, chatting, etc., formed the pastime the balance of the evening. Delicate confections were obtainable at the booth, which was tastefully ornamented with artificial flowers, and under the management of Miss May Wishart and Miss May Marks. The entertainment was a success, financially and otherwise.

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**Mrs. H. E. Hayes Dead.**—Mrs. Sarah L. Hayes, aged 61 years, wife of H. E. Hayes and mother of Judge G. E. Hayes of this city, died in Salem on Wednesday evening, December 9th. Her maiden name was Sarah L. Woodruff. She was born in New Hartford, Conn., on March 4, 1835, and was educated in the normal school in New Britain, Conn., graduating in 1851. On February 3, 1852, she was married at her father's home in New Hartford to H. E. Hayes, and on the following day with her husband and brother started for the overland journey to Oregon. In the Western states the travelers purchased a drove of horses and cattle and with these came to Oregon, reaching Oregon City on November 16, 1853. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hayes located on a donation land claim six miles west of Oregon City where they resided continuously until 1891, when they moved to Salem. She leaves a husband, three daughters and one son, besides a large circle of friends, to mourn her demise. Her daughters are Mrs. P. A. Milan of Mt. Tabor, Mrs. Fannie Shipley of Oswego, and Mrs. Alice Chapman of Salem; her son is Judge G. E. Hayes of this city. The remains were interred at Stafford on Saturday. Her wish expressed before death, that her obituary be that she was a good mother, a faithful wife and a kind neighbor, is as noble a eulogy of her character as we can print.

**Largest Ins. Business—F. E. Donaldson**

**In Justice Court.**—Louis Rasmussen and Chris Neilson, who were arrested on the charge of stealing three tons of hay from Henry Koenig, had their trial in Justice Schuebel's court last week and were discharged. The prisoners rent a farm near Oswego from Koenig, and in payment of the rent had executed a bill of sale of their personal property, including the hay in question, to Koenig. Recently they, with his consent, took three loads of the hay to market and sold it, whereupon Koenig charged them with theft. B. A. Cooke, who was arrested in Portland for stealing a number of articles from the old flouring mill at Milwaukie, now belonging to the McGuires, being chased from Milwaukie by Deputy Warden Keck, had a hearing before Justice Schuebel on Friday last and was discharged.

**Reliable Insurance—F. E. Donaldson.**

**SKINNED ALIVE.**—A child was taken sick at its home near town last week and the parents not knowing what to do for the child, which had symptoms of pneumonia, were persuaded by an old woman to skin two cats alive and wrap the child up in them. The child improved of course and would if warm cloths had been used instead of the catskins. The worst of it was that the cats were left to die instead of being killed as soon as skins were taken off. If the cats had been skinned after being killed the heat would have still been in the hides. Where is our humane society?

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**NOT A PUBLIC BRIDGE.**—Commissioner Frank Jaggar appeared before the Portland water committee on Tuesday to ask that the pipe-line bridge across Bull Run be thrown open as a county bridge. He stated that the county bridge which had been built about 11 years ago, was rotten, and had been condemned about the time the pipe-line bridge was completed, and that, shortly after this, the pipe-line bridge had been closed. He said there was very little travel on this road, and the county commissioners would like to have the pipe-line bridge thrown open. Their chief engineer was consulted in regard to the matter, and stated that the bridge was some 80 feet above the water, and had a span of 200 feet and that it would not be advisable to open the bridge to public travel, as the vibration from teams crossing would be liable to injure the riveted pipe. The secretary was directed to inform the county commissioners of Clackamas county that, owing to the fact that the city's water supply depended on the pipe line, and in view of the liability to damage, it would be impracticable to throw the bridge open to the public.

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**PINAFORÉ.**—The opera "Pinafore, or the Lass that Loved a Sailor," was presented at Shively's opera house on last Thursday evening under the auspices of Mrs. J. H. Strickler to a large and enthusiastic audience. Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. Strickler for manner in which the production and her own role that of "the captain's daughter" were rendered. The others who took prominent parts were Mrs. Alex Thomas, Guy Phillips and Willis Haynes of Portland; Miss Mattie Draper, W. H. Burghard Jr., and Charles Pope, Rae Norris, Evan Williams, Ivan Strickler. The choruses consisted of the following: Misses Imo Harding, Nettie Walden, Sade Chase, Kate Ward, Emma McGetchie, Vera Caulfield, Nan Cochran, Pauline Campbell, Catherine Pratt, Hazel Pilabury, Eugene White, Elma Albright and Mrs. Mattie Doolittle; Messrs. Ben Doolittle, John Hickman, Ralph Miller, Leighton Kelly, James Church, Charles Wilson, Treston Reed and George Simmons.

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**LOCKS CANAL BREAK.**—About 60 lineal feet of wall and bottom of the canal on the west side were carried away on Saturday. The steamer Eugene was going through the locks when the captain noticed the wall was giving away in front of him and immediately reversed the engines and backed down through the locks. If he had gone a few feet further the boat would have been drawn through the break and smashed to pieces on the rocks below. The contractors on the powerhouse extension were excavating under the canal and that weakened the already rotten timbers and caused the break. It is expected that the canal will be repaired by Monday so boats can go through and the paper mills run. Some of the old wall that stands will be replaced too. The electric powerhouse gets its power from a separate canal and continues to run.

**CASS BARLOW IN TROUBLE AGAIN.**—C. U. Barlow of Barlow was arrested Saturday on a charge of embezzlement. The complaint was made before Mayor H. Straight by Henry Will, one of the stockholders of the defunct Barlow-Will Co. It charges him with making away with \$4000 within the past three years, while he was clerk in the company's store. He was brought before the mayor and his hearing set for Tuesday, when it was postponed until Friday of this week in order to give District Attorney Cleeton a chance to appear. Barlow will endeavor to have the case thrown out on a technicality. He gave bonds for \$4000 for his appearance with G. A. Harding, H. Meldrum and C. R. Noblett as sureties.

**R. R. LAND DROPPED.**—Assessor Bradley was before the state equalization board on Tuesday, maintaining that his valuations for this year were fair and just, and thought they should be allowed to stand as returned by the county board. He further says that about 44,000 acres, formerly assessed to the Oregon & California railroad, were dropped from the roll, in conformity with a recent decision of the United States court.

**THE Y. M. C. A.**—During the year now closing the Young Men's Christian Association has collected from all sources \$1444.68. The fitting up of rooms, baths, gymnasium, etc., has made larger bills than will be expected for next year. The committee have yet to raise \$135 to close the year free of debt. All are invited to contribute to this amount so that the new year's work will not be hampered with any unpaid bills of the old.

**A PARTY.**—A surprise party was given Harry Williamson on last Friday evening. The time was pleasantly spent and all went away delighted with their evening's amusement. Those present were: Ada Jones, Maud May, Mamie Adams, Nettie May, Oro Watson, Minnie Myers, Grace Towers and Edgar Dempster, Harry Muir, George Williamson, James Jones, Belaui Viaw, Harry Williamson.

Redmen's masque ball December 25th.

**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.**

**Indian street parade Christmas noon.**  
**Mrs. A. Close of Lafayette visited Oregon City last week.**  
**O. H. Dye was commissioned a notary public this week.**  
**Dr. Emil Schubert was seen on our streets on Thursday.**  
**Wm. De la Fontaine is visiting the Garretson's at The Dalles.**  
**Mr. McDermot of Goose Flat died on Tuesday probably of old age.**  
**Robert Adams of Marquam has been granted an additional pension.**  
**A. Bollicane made a visit to Lafayette, where he formerly resided, last Friday.**  
**Cigars, 25 in a box, just the thing for Christmas at Charman & Co.'s drugstore.**  
**W. T. Whitlock returned from his ranch on the upper Santian river on Saturday.**  
**Multnomah Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will elect officers for ensuing year on Saturday evening.**  
**Assessor J. C. Bradley spent Monday and Tuesday in Salem before the state equalization board.**  
**A case of scarlet fever is reported at east portion of town, with the patient apparently improving.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Neil of Mary's Island, Alaska, returned Saturday and will spend the winter in Oregon.**  
**Lester P. Smith has opened a law office in the Willamette building, where he will transact a general law business.**  
**The regular annual meeting and roll call of the Baptist church will be held on Friday, January 1st, at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Clackamas chapter, R. A. M., will elect officers on Monday evening. The Eastern Star will elect on Tuesday evening.**  
**Ex-Sheriff E. C. Maddock last week purchased the restaurant and lunch counter of George Bros., opposite Electric hotel.**  
**While the locks are closed this week the Altona below and the Ramona hauled up river freight by transferring by team here.**  
**Col. R. A. Miller and Geo. C. Brownell are on the program for a discussion before the Good Roads convention in Portland this week.**  
**Scott Bros., the rustling proprietors of the West Side grocery, opened a branch in Batdorf's building at Willamette Falls this week.**  
**Superintendent Hubbard of the Clackamas hatchery expects to receive three million young salmon from the hatchery at Battle Creek, Cal.**  
**Richard Scott of Milwaukie attended a meeting of the state fair board at Salem on Tuesday. He was appointed a member of the finance committee of that organization.**  
**The subject of Rev. M. L. Rugg's morning sermon at the Baptist church Sunday is, "After the One-Hundredth." The evening subject will be, "Religion of Humanity."**  
**L. G. Gurnett, formerly of this place, has consolidated his paper, the Oregon Agriculturist with the Rural Northwest, and H. M. Williamson is editor and Mr. Gurnett business manager.**

**Court Robin Hood of Foresters was visited by G. C. Culberson and other distinguished members of Courts Germania, Mt. Hood, Scadia and Webfoot of Portland on last Friday evening.**  
**Licenses to wed have been issued by Multnomah county clerk to George Young, 31, of Clackamas county, and Florence M. Atterberry, 19; H. R. Baker, 27, of Clackamas county and Ida Ohler, 19.**  
**Vocal and instrumental music, Indian club swinging and parallel bar work, will make up the program at the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday night next, December 22. Admission only 10 cents, and everybody invited.**  
**Falls City Encampment, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers on Tuesday evening: H. E. Straight, C. P.; E. A. Leighton, H. P.; C. E. Midlam, Sr. W.; W. A. Hedges, Jr. W.; J. A. Stuart, Sec.; Thos. F. Ryan, Treas.**  
**The subject for debate at the Union hall literary society on Wednesday evening was: "Resolved, That the Bible has more influence on Civilization than the Newspaper." D. F. May, who is teaching there, says the society has**

interesting literary exercises and debates every Wednesday evening.  
**Dr. Andrews, an old army physician living at Falls View, is slowly recovering from a long siege of pneumonia. The fellowship of the Grand Army men has been shown with marked respect during his illness, and their kindness is greatly appreciated by both the doctor and Mrs. Andrews.**  
**The annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association will be held at Salem, beginning Monday evening, December 28 and closing Wednesday evening. A good program has been prepared and those attending will no doubt be well paid for time spent there. Reduced rates will be given on railroad and boats.**  
**Frank O. Baker, ex-state printer, has been appointed a member of the state agricultural board in place of Hon. Wm. Galloway of this place. It was the governor's intention to reappoint Judge Galloway, but Mr. Galloway felt that his services upon the board might interfere with his official duties in the land office at Oregon City.**  
**The west side school closed Tuesday on account of the report that a pupil had died with diphtheria, which upon investigation by doctors proved to be a severe case of sore throat. Still the attendance was but 49 when it should have been 120, and so the directors decided to close until after the holidays and give an extra week's vacation.**  
**Licenses to wed granted by the county clerk on 12th to Ida L. Leland and Robert Montgomery, to Rosie M. Konkle and E. J. Johnston; on 14th to Flora L. Seely and Oscar F. Larson, to L. Nellie Schaff and O. Wesley Rhoades, to Ida M. Shively and Wm. H. Norton; on 15th to Norvesta Watkins and Jacob Polans; on 16th to Anna Miller and John E. Enger.**  
**Adee Dnerot, a French cavalry officer in uniform and spurs, created quite a sensation on Main street Saturday evening. He says he came from Africa to Vancouver and was walking from here on a bet. Sunday morning he was met at the Canby gravel pit by two residents of that burg, who "joshed" him some, when he proceeded to draw a gun on them, and they got.**  
**Tuesday evening a banquet was tendered the Most Rev. W. H. Gross, Congregatio Sanctissim Redemptoris, D. D., archbishop of Oregon City diocese, at the Imperial hotel in Portland and covers were laid for over 100. Rev. A. Hillebrand, T. W. Sullivan and I. H. Moody of Oregon City were among the guests. Hon. T. W. Sullivan responded to the toast, "Catholic Wives and Mothers."**  
**Samuel P. Putnam, the free thought lecturer who has often visited this county died on the night between Friday and Saturday at Boston, in the room of Mary L. Collins, from suffocation produced by eczema gas. Miss Collins, a young woman of twenty interested in the same class of work, also perished. Both corpses were found lying on the floor, fully dressed. Whether suicide or accidental death has not been learned.**

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