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To CORRESPONDENTS.—In the correspondence for the paper of January 1, 1892, which should all be in our hands not later than Monday, December 28, we would suggest that the progress of your neighborhood or town during the past year be the chief topic.

The President's Message.

President Harrison's annual message to congress is a paper that every voter in the land should read. Its lucid discussion of the important questions that have concerned the government during the past year commends it to all who wish a clear knowledge of the internal and external relations of our country.

In speaking of the dispute about the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana, where, it has been understood, the English were attempting to enforce their demands for territorial possession in much the same manner that had been practiced in Africa, the president takes occasion to reassert the Monroe doctrine.

The message gives considerable attention to the new tariff law and the silver legislation. It deprecates frequent changes in tariff regulations as having a depressing effect upon commerce and finds grounds for judging the operation of the new law to be beneficial though it has had limited trial.

The political situation is discussed with patriotic vigor. The influence of the gerrymander is declared to be harmful and when carried to the extent it has been in Michigan it is demoralizing and subversive of good government, bringing, as it does, all branches of the government within its reach.

and we must not be faithless to its condition—the defense of the free and the equal influence of the people in the choice of public officers and in the control of public affairs.

The County Road Matter.

The need for better county roads is so general and imperative that it is no wonder people have different ideas as to the route the first one should traverse. The people all want good roads and they should have them at the earliest possible moment.

It is a difficult and thankless task to locate a road through a settled country. Those who are engaged in the present work are not in it from choice. It is a duty assigned them and they must have in view the local and through service required of the thoroughfare together with the feasibility of its construction.

Now there is great need for pushing the matter to an early consummation. The board of trade proposes to get the preliminary work done so that it can be brought before the county court in due form at its February term if possible.

We hope to see the farmers able to draw loads of produce over the Molalla and Marquam road all next winter.

THE Coming Century, Portland's new literary weekly, starts out relying on the strength of Mrs. Dunway's name to sustain it, she being the editor of the periodical. The first number presents a good appearance and has an attractive table of contents.

THE only paper in the Northwest of low enough morals to snag lottery advertisements through the mails in defiance of law is a religious hebdomadical published in Portland, the Catholic Sentinel.

There are several prominent names missing from the roll of the present congress.

From the house McKinley, Cannon and Spinola are gone, the last named having been removed by death and the others by politics. But the absent ones are more marked in the senate. The tall, wasp-like Ingalls and the diminutive Evarts and Spooner are gone.

WHAT'S in a name? Let one read the following names of California winter resorts and then wonder why the Italy of America is in such popular favor if he can: San Diego, Los Angeles, Coronado Beach, Monterey, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Alameda, Calistoga, San Bernardino, San Juan Capistrano and San Luis Obispo.

SENATOR MITCHELL has introduced in the senate a bill providing for the establishment of thirty-eight lights on the Willamette river above Portland. There is a prospect that the Willamette will receive some attention in the way of congressional appropriations this year unless the democrats are stricken with a fit of parsimony to contrast with republican liberality.

AND now the Hon. Charlie Roby, the Portland tavern keeper, ex-postmaster, etc., declines the democratic nomination for governor which no one has been kind enough to offer him. The disease is epidemic.

DEMOCRATIC Speaker Crisp of the house of representatives was born in England and he was a captain in the confederate army.

PRESS OPINIONS.

New York Advertiser: Now that Earl Russell has been acquitted he should be taken into the harem and Cleveland street set. Had he been found guilty he would be still more eligible.

New York Recorder: The democratic party is a crafty, rudderless, and with a crew fighting one another. The division is about doctrines as well as leaders and spoils. Can the country trust itself to such a party?

New York Press: A German physician has discovered twenty species of bacteria which may be conveyed in a kiss, and he declares that people must quit the practice or wear respirators during the process. How would a base-ball mask do?

Chicago News: A Quincy (Ill.) woman is charged with kidnaping her lover and all search for the missing youth has proved unavailing. Perhaps some one will now remark that the era of woman's rights is slow in coming but is nevertheless on the road.

Milwaukee Sentinel: The Mills people have been tremendously whipped. It is not merely that Mills has been beaten but that he has been beaten by Crisp, who was his first and most persistent opponent and who subordinates tariff reform to the free coinage issue. It is believed that Gov. Hill's speech, which was sent to Washington for distribution even before it was delivered, had something to do with the final success of Crisp.

SHE COULD AND SHE COULDN'T.

She could sing and she could play, She could dance from night till day, She could while the hours away, So 'tis said; She could skate and she could paint, She could play the patron saint, But she couldn't and she wouldn't Make a bed.

Oregon News Notes.

Miss Grace P. Isaacs, of Walla Walla, who was injured in the Lake Labiah disaster on the Southern Pacific over a year ago, received a verdict in the U. S. district court Wednesday evening for \$11,000.

Umatilla county farmers are jubilant over the prospects for a fine harvest this season. Rain has been frequent and abundant lately, and everything is favorable for the ranchers—the bone and sinew of the country.

Hugh Clawson, one of the best hunters in Southern Oregon, whose prowess is well known in Siskiyou county, California, a few days ago killed a cinnamon bear near William Hybee's stock ranch which weighed over 1100 pounds.

It transpires that H. C. Cook, the narrow-gauge section boss, who some time ago killed Editor J. H. Stine and afterwards suicided, was the man who several years ago ran away from Mouth accompanied by Mrs Ben Church.

The demand seems to be increasing for the horses of this state in the markets of the East, and the dealers will likely reach out to the Klamath ranges for stock before another year. No land under the sun raises a better class of livestock.

A charter of Baker City provides that, "The office of mayor or treasury shall be deemed vacant whenever the incumbent thereof shall be absent from the city for a period of fifteen days." The newly elected mayor, C. A. Johns, having been absent from the 7th until the 23rd of the present month—sixteen days—a question is raised as to the authority of Mr. John's official acts. It is claimed that the words "deemed vacant" mean that the law itself, without any subsequent act on the part of council, declares the office vacant when the mayor's absence exceeds the limitation fixed by the charter.

The sale of the Oregon Pacific, which was to have taken place last Wednesday was postponed until January 28th, the head parties in New York City having agreed upon the movement. It is probable, from reports received, that the road will not be sold at all, that all debts will be paid, and that future operations will be in accordance with the wishes of both factions, who have, it is pretty well settled, agreed upon a certain program, not yet made public, but which will result in the continuation of the road eastward. The men Wednesday were paid for three and a half months up to October 1st, and the program is to pay monthly, hereafter. There is a general expression of confidence, among employees and public that matters will proceed in a satisfactory manner hereafter.—Albany Democrat.

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NEWS FROM BARLOW

A SOUVENIR BALL PROVES A SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.

School Clerk on His Rounds.—Christmas Looked Forward To—Personal and Other Notes.

THE CLERK'S AT WORK.—Mr. T. Andrews, the school clerk, has submitted his assessment to the directors. It took up a total of \$100,400. The assessment was made low owing to the recent organization of the district. The amount of money to raise is small, hence it will not come heavy on any property holder.

THE MERRY MAKERS HAPPY.—The Souvenir Ball given by the Aurora String band on last Friday evening was one of the novel and enjoyable events of the season. Every lady and gentleman received a handsome Christmas greeting and at eleven o'clock an opportunity was given to those wishing to contest for the best lady and gentleman dancer to give in their names. There were eight couples who were willing to make the contest and a committee of three, Miss Lydia Bauer, Wm. Irvin, and T. Allen, were then called up from the audience to decide upon the contests. It resulted in Miss Bessie Sheppard and Mr. J. K. Kelly winning the prizes. After supper the crowd returned to the hall and in the short hours of the morning the party broke up expressing the highest satisfaction.

CHURCH SERVICES.—On Sunday last Rev. Lowery held services in Zeek's hall with an attentive congregation. There will be services again Dec. 27 at 11 o'clock and we hope to see a large attendance.

ARRANGING FOR CHRISTMAS.—Never has there been a Christmas so noticeable as now upon us. As yet no arrangements have been made for a public Christmas tree, but there are several homes receiving their indoor decorations and Christmas trees, preparatory to old fashioned family reunions. Christmas is a day which is looked forward to, not only by the children, but by the old as well.

FORCE AT WORK.—Mr. Henry Brown, a recent purchaser of a ten acre tract of land from Barlow & Co., has a force of men at work grubbing and clearing land preparatory to putting out ten acres in Italian prunes next spring.

LAND SALE.—Still the sales of real estate continue which is evidence of good times. Messrs. Hahn & Carson, the real estate men of Portland, sold two ten acre tracts for Wm. Irvin last week. Parties buying now are wise, as certainly in the spring and summer, when the flood of immigration commences to pour in upon us, values will be considerably higher.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hoffman, of Island City, is at the Cafe.

Mr. J. R. Trembath, of Oregon City, was registered at The Koehler Friday.

Mr. J. Green came up from Portland last Friday where he had been on business.

Mr. John Kelly, of Oregon City, was among the registered at The Koehler this week.

Miss Myrtle Howell of Canemah, a bright and accomplished music teacher, was in town a few days last week and has secured the teaching of a large class to begin after the holidays.

Geo. W. Sweeting, the Oregon City bootblack, was shining the boots up at the dance. George was the most noticeable one in the house, as color was a distinction.

On All Sides

Ayer's Pills are commended as the best regulator of the liver, stomach, and bowels. Dr. Thomas Conners, of Centre Bridge, Pa., says: "Having long used Ayer's Pills with good results, I can confidently recommend them above all others." Dr. Geo. F. Spencer, of Unity, N. H., writes: "I consider Ayer's Pills far superior, as a cathartic, to any that are furnished by the pharmacopoeia."

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