

**Christmas at Halsey.**

HALSEY, Dec. 27th, 1871.  
ED. REGISTER:—The Christmas festivities at Halsey were a perfect success. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the town at an early hour was filled with people. The Christmas tree and table were set in a large warehouse. The tree was very large, reaching to the top of the house, and yet all the gifts could not be hung on its spacious branches. The dinner was a grand success—the immense crowd were all satisfied.

At six o'clock P. M. exercises at the school-house commenced. Toasts were offered and responded to by Rev. Joseph Pearl, M. F. Jones, David Cooper, Mr. Leesen and S. Bond, after which the exhibition commenced. The stage was most beautifully decorated with evergreens, pictures, etc. The exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music, choruses, dialogues, essays, declamations, etc. The principal performers were Mr. and Mrs. Leesen, teachers of Halsey, John James and Jennie Pearl, John Glass, T. Powell, J. Willburn, Mrs. Mansfield, Sarah Deal, Milton Wilson, and others of the school who took subordinate parts. Mr. M. F. Jones was Stage Manager. The exercises lasted nearly four hours, and, judging from the frequent and tumultuous applause of the large audience, were most happily received. Mr. Jones had only about two weeks to get ready for the performance after it was first talked of and he was chosen as manager. Several of the pieces had not been criticised at all; the performers had scarcely any practice; the stage was very small; the audience crowded. In view of all these drawbacks, we think the exhibition was a big success, and the performers done themselves and the thriving town of Halsey great credit. An excellent essay was read by D. Cooper. ONE PRESENT.

**From County School Superintendent**

OFFICE SUPV. OF SCHOOLS,  
HALESBURG, Dec. 27, 1871.

ED. REGISTER:—Allow me space in your columns to call the attention of the Clerks of the various School Districts in the county, to the importance of having their reports in the hands of the Superintendent by the first Monday in March, as those districts whose clerks fail to comply with the above provision of law, will be deprived of their portion of the funds for the coming year. It is highly important to make full reports, as the Superintendent will then be enabled to make a full report to the State Board of Commissioners.

Inasmuch as but few districts are supplied with copies of the school law, I herewith submit the form for reports: Number of legal voters. Number of persons under 20 and over 4 years of age. Number of male scholars. Number of female scholars. Number quarters school taught. Value of school house. Kinds of books used. Date of report. Number of scholars in average attendance. Amt. pd. teacher from District tax. Amt. received and paid teacher out of county fund. Amt. of incidental expenses. Total amt. tax levied and collected. Names teachers employed. A. B., Dist. Clerk.

If every person who reads this will cut out the form and hand it to the clerk of his district, then probably for the first time we will have full and complete reports from all the districts. The clerks are not to blame if their reports are not full, as there are not probably a dozen copies of the school law in the county, if we except those found in the code.

T. J. STITES, Supt.

**Temperance Meeting near Shedd's.**

Pursuant to announcement, a meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Temperance Convention, to be held in Salem, February 22d, 1872, and also to keep up an interest in the cause, was held in Independence Schoolhouse, Dec. 16, 1871. The house was called to order by Rev. J. H. Rook. On motion, D. P. Porter was chosen President pro tem, and W. R. Blain Secretary.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. R. J. Thompson. Rev. S. T. Miller was called upon to state the objects of the meeting. Rev. J. H. Rook and Prof. L. L. Rogers then delivered addresses, after which came the dinner, and although there were near 150 persons present, there were, after dinner, many basketfuls taken up.

During the intermission, the Roll of Honor was circulated, and received many signatures. After recess, Rev. R. J. Thompson, D. P. Porter and W. R. Blain were chosen delegates to the State Convention.

On motion, Misses Jane Thompson and Jane Teters were requested to wait on the audience with a "pledge"—they received near 70 signatures, Prof. Rogers, during the time, favoring us with several temperance songs. Rev. R. J. Thompson addressed us, declaring himself in favor of moral suasion for the drunkard, and legal suasion for the seller.

The following officers were elected

for the next meeting: President, Rev. R. J. Thompson; Vice, President, D. C. Currie; Secretary, W. R. Blain. The entire exercises were harmonious and very pleasant, and cannot be without beneficial results to the cause, as the seed was sown on good ground. We have a strong temperance force, and hope to make our power felt.

SECRETARY.

It is useless to attempt to cleanse a stream while the fountain is impure. Dyspepsia, complaints of the liver or kidneys, eruptions of the skin, scrofula, headaches, and all diseases arising from impure blood, are at once removed by DR. WALKER'S CALIFORNIA VINEGAR BITTERS, the great and infallible purifier of the blood, and renovator of the system. It has never been known to fail, provided the patient had not delayed using it until the vitality of his system was too far gone.

PROMPT, STRAIGHTFORWARD, HONORABLE.—Foremost among the firms of the country are Hunter & Co., the well-known publishers and booksellers, of Hinsdale, N. H. Established there for a dozen years they have built up a character for honesty and fair dealing which secures a continually increasing business. One evening he called when it was quite late, which led the young lady to enquire where he had been. "I had to work to-night."

"What! do you work for a living?" she inquired in astonishment. "Certainly," replied the young man. "I am a mechanic."

"I dislike the name of a mechanic!" and she turned up her pretty nose. That was the last time the young man visited that young lady. He is now a wealthy man, and has one of the best women in the country for a wife.

The lady who disliked the name of a mechanic is now the wife of a miserable fool, a regular vagrant about grog shops; and the miserable girl is compelled to take in washing in order to support herself and children.

El Tatio is a celebrated matador at Valencia who lost his leg last year. When King Amadeus attended the bull fight at that place the crippled hero sat next to the King. On rising to go the King gave him some cigars and a purse of money. During the tumult of applause which followed, one man shouted, "Long live the democracy!" the hearing response, cleverly added "of our King," which pleased the multitude immensely. Later in the day the King attended a second-rate "people's" theatre.

A number of rugged newsboys—not more than twenty, all told—contributed, it is said, \$10 in pennies, five cent pieces, and ten cent stamps, for the relief of the Chicago unfortunate, and handed the money over to the Chairman of one of the committees, with this characteristic speech: "Here Boss, is our stamps. We h'aint got much, but we likes to do a little for Chicager when she's busted up."

FENCING.—The fence is a costly structure. Illinois is said to have ten times as much fence as Germany, and Dutchess county, New York, more than all France. A narrow path divides farms in France, Germany and Holland. In South Carolina the improved land is estimated to be worth \$20,000,000; the fences have cost \$10,000,000. The annual repair is a tenth of this. A recent calculation places the cost of fences in the United States at \$1,000,000,000. Nicholas Biddle, thirty years ago, said the Pennsylvania fences had cost \$100,000,000. In Ohio they are put at \$115,000,000, and in New York at \$144,000,000. Some day fences will probably disappear, and boundaries will be marked with fruit trees or neat hedges.

SKIP THAT.—After the capture of Mobile by Farragut's fleet the Secretary of the Navy wrote a letter of thanks to the Admiral. He was in the cabin when the dispatch came on board, and as his sight was not good he handed the letter to his private secretary to read. The Secretary read: "Sir: The Department has heard with great pleasure of the capture of Mobile by the fleet under your command, and I take the occasion to thank you in the name of the Government of which you are so good a servant. Your name, Sir, will go down to posterity among"—"Stop, stop sir! Stop all that flourish of trumpets. Skip all that, sir, and let us know what they want us to do next," said the noble old fellow.—Grand Army Journal.

When Prof. Felton, reading "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to the captain of the ship of which he was a passenger, came to the description of Oberon sitting on a promontory, listening to a mermaid on a dolphin's back, the seaman was disgusted. "The dolphin's back," said he, "is as sharp as a razor, and no mermaid could possibly ride the beast unless she first saddled him!"

Among the causes of insanity in patients received at the Taunton, Mass., Lunatic Hospital during eighteen years, spiritualism is given in fifty-three cases; religious excitement in one hundred and fifty-one; use of tobacco in six; light reading in two, and intemperance in seven hundred and three.

The son of the Rajah of Etawah has been sentenced to thirteen years, rigorous imprisonment and 3,000 rupees fine for hanging up a native man and woman by the heels and flogging them until the man died.

A Young woman of Providence, R. I., is said to be one of the best blacksmiths in that city. She works side by side with her father in the workshop.

**STOVES—INSURANCE, ETC.**

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CHAR. D. HAVEN, Secretary.

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Albany, 1871-14

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pecan, redbud, honey locust, hackberry,  
and a number of other varieties of trees  
and plants too numerous to mention, all of  
which are offered at low rates.  
HENRY W. SETTLEMIRE.  
Dec. 17, 1870-15

**NEW TO-DAY.**

**Notice of Copartnership.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
firm of Beach & Monteth, heretofore  
engaged in the milling business in the city  
of Albany, Linn Co., Oregon, did, on the  
1st day of August, 1871, associate with  
themselves Henry Myers and A. S. Knox,  
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Albany, Or., Oct. 21, 1871-74v4

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No. of policy.	Over due at time of death.	Amount insured.
13,054	6 months.	\$ 5,000
33,016	4 months.	10,000
38,236	3 months.	1,000
23,166	10 days.	2,500
35,559	11 months.	5,000

Had the above policies been in any other company they would have been forfeited. The above facts speak for themselves, and to the wise and prudent further comment is unnecessary.  
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