Albany Megister.

LOCAL MATTERS.

1873 .- As the new year will be ushered in before another issue of the REGISTER, we take this occasion to greet our readers, far and near, with a HAPPY NEW YEAR. During the year passed we have been favored as a community by the absence of any of the terrible scourges that it has pleased an overuling providence to visit upon others. For health, general prosperity, and numerous other blessings we as a people have enjoyed during the expiring year, 1872, we should, with grateful hearts, return thanks to the giver of all good. Wishing that each one of the REGISTER family may be blessed with every good during the year 1873, we again extend our greeting-A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

THE PORTLAND FIRE.-About 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, three quick taps of the fire bell startled the good citizens of this burg, and caused a general rush from all quarters to the engine house to inquire the cause. Mr. Jos. Webber, Foreman of Albany No. 1, had received a telegram from Chief Engineer Williams, of Portland, asking assistance to quell a terrible fire then raging in Portland. With his usual energy and readiness to answer all calls made upon him as a fireman, Jo. "went" for his engine, and in a very few minutes after the taps from the bell, sounding the alarm, the "Onesters" were on their way with their engine for the railroad depot. The engine was placed upon a car in a jiffy, and away went the train, the Conductor assuring everybody before starting that he would make Portland in an hour and a half. Immediately after the departure of the train, a general rush was made for the telegraph office to find out how matters stood in Portland.. Those who had beard telegrams read, and knew whereof they spoke, confidently asserted that the fire started in five blocks at one and the same time, and that, as high winds were prevailing, nothing short ot a miracle would save the city-that the entire city would soon be a mass of smoking ruins. It was also asserted that, amid the desolation and devastation created by the red-tongued firefiend, and while property was being destroyed by millions, robbery and murder and red-handed crime pervaded every portion of the city-that from three hundredto five hundred San Francisco thieves and ent-throats, well armed and organized, had possession of the city, and her citizens were poweriess to preserve order or save their property. The excitement had reached its highest pitch, when a telegram was received from Salem, to the effect that the train from this city had reached there safely, after a run of thirty minutes; that they were met there with a telegram from Portland that the fire was confined to three blocks, and was then under control. This allayed the excitement here to a 'considerable extent, vet great anxiety was manifested by our citizens to know how the fire originated, and what blocks or portion of the city had been or were then burning. About four o'clock, after persistent enquiry, it was positively amounced that the west side of two blocks only were burned, namely: commencing at the Occidental hotel, on corner of Morrison and First streets. and running thence down First to Washington street-and with this information we were forced to content ourselves until the arrival of the noon train on Monday. Between sixty and seventy firemen and citizens accompanied our fire engine to Portland, where they were well received and well cared for,

OlDGEN AND EXTENT OF PHE PIRE.

The fire originated in the rear of a Chinese wash house on river side of Front street, near Morrison street wharf. The Chinamen were boiling tar to caulk the floor of their house, to make it carry off water to the rear. A kettle of the was spilled, the con-tents took fire, and thus started the great confiagration. The slarm was sounded about half past nine A. M. The fire department was promptly out, but their efforts to stay the fire were

for two hours unavailing. It pursued its way northward, or down the river. its way northward, or down the river, burning every thing on the east side of Front street, from Morrison to Washington street, the length of two blocks. Between Morrison and Alder, and nearly opposite where the fire started, it communicated to the wooden buildings on the west side of Front street. All the buildings of that block, fronting on Front street, except Vanghn's (occupied by Hyman Bros.) standing on the corner of Morrison, were destroyed, with nearly all their contents. The conflagration was stopped here. The Conflagration was stopped here. The Occidental Hotel was damaged in the rear, but the main building was saved. Several buildings of this block fronting on First street were damaged. The owners all met with losses by moving out. This was also the case with many who occupied buildings in the adjoining blocks; for at one time it was the general judgment that the entire business portion of the city north of Morrison street, must go down before the raging conflagration. For-tunately, the wind suddenly veered round from South to North, and the further spread of the flames down the river was stopped.

DONATION SUPPER-At Odd Fellows Hall on last Thursday night, was success. The ladies succeeded admirably in all their arrangements. The Hall was crowded, all of whom received a "sufficiency full" of the good things of life in the shape of cake, pie, chicken, ham, hot coffee, etc., etc., There was music, promenading-in fact there was an unlimited quantity of fun and real social enjoyment, every one seemed making it a point to not only enjoy the occasion himself, but help others to enjoy it. As all the good things provided for the occasion could not be disposed of in one evening. a lunch was set on Friday, which was well patronized. The net receipts were \$95. Speaking for ourself, we never enjoyed ourself better anywhere, and we are in favor of donation parties when conducted as was that of the 19th

RAILWAY DISASTER.-On Tuesday morning a culvert gave way on the O. & C. Railway, about eight miles south of Eugene City, at Camas Swale, throwing the caboose and one passenger car from the track, smashing said cars, and more or less injuring fifteen persons, one of whom, Mr. Pond, a section boss, it was thought could hardly survive his terrible injuries. The engine and tender passed safely over the culvert, but as soon as the wheels of the next car struck it, it gave way, precipitating the balance of the train from the track. Mr. John Hurd, of this city, and family, were among the passengers, but fortunately escaped without a bruise. The train was delayed by the accident, to this city, about ten hours.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE-At the Court House on Tuesday evening, under the appervision of the M. E. SundaySchool, called out an immense concourse of people. One large tree had been erected, on whose branches hung a large number of gifts, not only for the children but "old folks." After the delivery of presents began, it was interesting to watch the ever varying scene, the smile and happy voices of those who had received some beautiful present, and the kindling eye and nervous, trembling excitement of those on the tenter-hooks of expectancy. It was a gay and festive occasion, and hugely enjoyed by those who had been remembered on the tree.

I. O. O. F .- Following named gentlemen were elected to fill their respective chairs in Albany Lodge No. 4. I.O.O.F., for the new term commencing January 5th, 1873: Coll. Van Cleve, N. G.; N. Baum, V. G.; C. W. Shaw, S; C. Keifer T.; Bros. J. F. Backensto, Fred Graf and C. W. Shaw, Trustees. Installation at the new Hall in Fox Bros. brick, our Wednesday evening next, commencing at 5 o'clock, to which all Odd Fellows in good standing, and their families, are invited. Music and refreshments will be provided for the occasion.

STORM, -The storm of Monday night was the severest of the Winter. The min fell in torrents, while the zephyrs held high carnival, making strong buildings to tremble with its might, and scattering signs and flag poles littler and you. The weathercock on the Court House was blown down, as also the flag-staff over the City Hall. The storm raged nearly all night.

RELIGIOUS.

GREAT REVIVAL OF RELIGION AT JEFFERSON, MARION COUNTY-MEET-ING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED BRETHREN AND METHODIST -PORTY PERSONS CONVERTED AND ADDED TO THE CHURCH-A TIMELY

A triend from Jefferson gives us the following in regard to the great revival meeting which has been progressing in Jefferson, some eight miles from this city, on the banks of the Santiam, for several weeks past, under charge of Rev. Mr. Flinn, Methodist minister, and Rev. Mr. Mayfield. of the United Brethren denomination. The meeting was commenced early in November last, and has been continued steadily up to the present time; but it was thought would be discontinued the present week, ministers and others having become exhausted with their prolonged and arduous labors. The liveliest interest in religious matters exists, and the meeting has been productive of great good, more than forty, it is computed, having openly made profession of religion, and united with one of the two denominations represented.

GAMBLING FOR SEATS AT THE ALTAR. While the community in general, said our informant, are disposed to hold all matters pertaining to religion as sacred, there are quite a number of young men, and even those who have long since passed the day when they might be classed as young, in the community, who were ready to jest and even scoff at religion and religious duties. Some of them went so far as to procure a deck of cards and engage in a game of "seven up," the parties losing in the game agreeing to go forward, the same evening, and request the prayers of all christians for their salvation.

THE SEQUEL.

Our informant further says, agreeable to contract, the parties beaten in the game of cards, actually went forward to the altar, and remained there, and he believes they were benefitted thereby, as they have quit cards, have become regular attendants on the gospel ministrations, and have changed entirely in conduct and conversation. In conclusion our informant expressed his belief that no point in Marion county stood in more need of a stirring up in religious matters than Jefferson, before this meeting commenced.

Portland's Thanks.

MAYOR'S OFFICE. PORTLAND, Dec. 23, 1872. HON. M. V. BROWN, MAYOR OF ALBANY:

Dear Sir-The action of your firemen and citizens, in hastening to our relief with your fire apparatus at a time when it was feared that our city was to be laid in ruins, is but another proof that distance does not lessen the sense of obligation to help one another when occasion may require. Your men, as dld all, worked nobly. We thank you and them.

Yours very truly. PHILIP WASSERMAN, Mayor.

BEDROCK PRICES .- Messrs. P. C. Harper & Co. are offering extraordi. mary inducements to purchasers in the way of staple dry goods. Wishing to close out their stock of clothing, they are offering splendld beaver suits, for men and boys wear, at cost and freight. The ladies will find on their shelves a superior assortment of dress goods, trimmings, etc., for sale at greatly reduced rates for easis. A full stock of general merchandise at lowest figures for cash, during the holidays. A general invitation to all is extended to call at their store and "prospect" for themselves.

BROKE LOOSE .- During the storm on Monday night, the ferryboat at foot of Ellsworth street broke loose from its moorings and was carried to the middle of the river, where it swayed backward and forward during the night, creating a terrible strain on the guys and steel rope used in guidling it from shore to shore.

No Pacrunes.-The terrible storms of the first of the week has delayed our engravings-they may reach here by next week. If so, look out for New Years.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

THE PINE CREEK COUNTRY-FARMERS PLOWING IN DECEMBER—GRASS FOUR INCHES HIGH-A GENTLY ROLLING COUNTRY WITH NO ROCKS-ENTIRE ABSENCE OF RATTLESNAKES, ETC.,

A letter received here from Pine Creek, Washington Territory, dated Dec. 5th, 1872, from a former residen of Linn county, gives some interesting particulars of that country. The writer lives on Pine Creek, about one mile from the line between Idaho and Washington Territories, and ninetyeight miles northeast of Walla Walla. The soil is rich, and the valley or bottom described as gently rolling, with no abrupt bluffs or steep hills, and no rocks. The bunch grass is pronounced superior and is unlimited in quantity, stock soon become "rolling fat," and work horses and cattle, although working daily, with no other feed, keep in good condition. At the date of writing the grass was four inches high, green and luxuriant-a perfect stock paradise. So far very little cold weather had been experienced, and but little snow had fallen, and that disappeared in a few hours under the rays of a brigh warm sun. Farmers were busily engaged in plowing, there having not been sufficient cold weather to interfere with the work. A nine year old cow, that had weaned a calf in September, was killed in November for beef. She weighed seven hundred pounds net, one hundred and twelve pounds of which was tallow. The valley is represented as extraordinarily healthy; is settled as thickly as Albany Prairie. The country is alive with prairie chickens, while not a single rattlesnake is to be found. Oats and seed wheat command one dollar per bushel.

The same gentleman describes Pelouse valley as very narrow, while the hills that border its sides and shut out the vision, are abrupt and rocky, and to add still farther to their unattractiveness, are full of rattlesnakes. His advice to dissatisfied farmers is to come to Pine Creek.

THE FESTIVAL-At the Collegiate Institute on Tuesday evening, was gotten up by the ladies of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, especially for the children. The ladies had provided a bountiful supply of coffee, cakes, candles, etc., which were speedily distributed among the large number present. Several tableaux were introduced during the course of the evening, to the infinite delight

INSTALLED. - Following are the names of the officers of Bayley Chapter No. 8, R. A. M., installed at their lodge room in this city on last Saturday evening: Geo. Humphrey, H. P., Geo. R. Helm, K; M. V. Brown, 8; P. C. Hirper, C H; M. C. George, P S; A. B. Paxton, R AC; L. Kline, M 1st V : J. D. Price, M 2d V : W. F. Alexander, M 3d V; A. Parker, Treas; Ed. Carter, Sec; Wm. Peters,

THE EXHIBITION-At Albany Col legiate Institute, on last Friday evening, called out almost the entire population of the city. The house was not only crowded but jammed full of people-at least one-third of the audience being compelled to stand during the entire performance, there being no seats, and no place for seats. The exhibition was very creditable indeed, quite up to the mark, and seemed to give universal satisfaction.

THANKS .- Rev. C. W. Shaw and lady request us to return their sincere thanks to the citizens of Albany, who so liberally denated of their means to them, on the occasion of the Donation Supper, at Odd Fellow's Hall, on Thursday evening of last week. There was contributed some \$95 in coin, beside other things.

REPORTED. - Messrs. Beach. Montelth & Co., Jas. H. Foster & Co., and Westlake & Simpson, it is reported, are losers to a greater or less extent by the Portland fire.

NAVIGATION .- The Shooty passed up the Willamette Tuesday uncolug. The river is in good stage.

BEAUTIPUL.-Oh, the rain, the rain, the beautiful rain, with the streets and sidewalks raising Cain; wetting your clothes, "running" your nose, chilling your toes, slopping over wherever it goes. No silly praise, not any for "Wain," of that dampest of frauds, the beautiful rain!

All subscriptions not paid up by January 1st, 1873, will be discontinued. bills made out and placed in proper hand for collection.

WILD CHERRY BALSAM .- The memory of Dr. Wistar is embalmed in the hearts of thousands whom his Balsum of Wild Cherry has cured of coughs, colds, consumption, or some other torm of Pulmonary disease. 15w2

\$75,000 IN CASH FOR \$1 .- We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column of the Nebraska State Orphan Asylum. A chance is here offered to win a fortune in a Public Drawing, and at the same time help a noble and worthy institution.

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