

Albany Register.

LOCAL MATTERS.

FIRE.—The alarm of fire was given about half past eleven o'clock on Monday night. The fire originated in the fine residence on Second, west of Washington street, owned by J. B. Sprenger, late of this city, but at present residing in Portland. From N. B. Sprenger, who was occupying the building at the time, we learn that the fire caught in the kitchen, having most probably got its start in the wainscoting, and from thence communicated to the ceiling and roof. The kitchen stove stood in close proximity to the wall between the kitchen and dining-room, and the wainscoting had become badly charred by the heat from the stove. There was also a stove in the dining-room, opposite the kitchen stove, and the two kept the wall between them warm. The engine was promptly on the ground, and although the boys worked with a will for near or quite two hours, despite their efforts the building was pretty well consumed. The buildings to the west and north, although within probably less than twenty feet of the burning pile, were saved. All the furniture, etc., inside the building was saved. The members of the Fire Company deserve praise generally for the manner in which they did their duty. The report that prevailed in the early part of the fire, that Foreman Webber had been fatally injured by the falling of burning timbers, created the most intense excitement for a time, but, we are happy to say, was unfounded. One report says the building is insured for \$2,500 in the Globe; another is that the insurance policy expired a few days before the fire. We believe the building cost some \$3,000, and was one among the best finished in the city.

ALBANY AND SANTIAM CANAL.—As the Summer approaches, the Directors of the Albany & Santiam Canal Company are making preparations to proceed with its construction. We learn from the President of the Company, L. Elkins, Esq., that Capt. Smith, late engineer of the locks at the falls of the Willamette, has been employed to thoroughly survey the route from the portion of the Canal already finished to this city, and that he commenced operations early in the week. Our readers are aware that a contract for digging a portion of the Canal, from the Santiam river to the edge of the prairie, 3,550 feet, was let last fall to Mr. Morris, and that something over two-thirds of the amount of work to be completed by him, was finished before the heavy rains of Winter set in. As soon as the weather will admit of it, Mr. Morris will complete his contract—and it is believed that this contract embraces nearly all the deep cutting that will be necessary on the line of the ditch. The stringency in the money market which at present prevails, may have a "binding" tendency on the Canal during the coming season, but every exertion will be made by the Directors to complete the improvement to this city at as early a day as circumstances may require.

OUT OF THE FIRE.—S. J. McCormick, the veteran publisher and dealer in books, stationery, blank books, gold pens, cutlery, etc., of Portland, although losing heavily in the late disastrous fire in that city, has again established himself in business at 19 First street (next to Central Market), in that city, where the public will ever find him, as of yore, the genial, wholesome, warm-hearted, liberal gentleman and dealer. With so warm a heart and genial nature he will always have troops of friends; and his indomitable energy and enterprise will soon, we doubt not, as it deserves to, enable him to make good the heavy losses so recently and unexpectedly visited upon him. Be sure and call at the Franklin Book Store when in Portland.

LINN COUNTY FAIR.—The Directors have been busy revising, altering and adding to the list of premiums to be offered at the coming Fair, and it will soon be in readiness for the printer.

THE HARRISBURG MURDER.—Following account of the killing of W. A. Pelton by Elias Keeney, at Harrisburg in this county, on the evening of the 31st ult., is believed to embrace all the facts in the case:

On the evening in question, at the conclusion of an entertainment given by the Taylor Family, there was to have been a dance, each gentleman buying a number, having the privilege of drawing an envelope containing a necktie made by some lady, of the same material as the dress she wore on the occasion, and selecting partners accordingly. After the drawing had taken place, it appeared that some gentleman (?) had drawn more than one envelope and consequently a few ladies were left without partners. Mr. Pelton remarked in the presence of Keeney that it was a mean trick in whoever did it. Keeney replied that he was the man that did it, and from that one word brought on another, until they finally came to blows. By this time quite a number had gathered around them, when they were separated and Keeney was marched out of the room. He soon returned through a back window, and drawing a pistol from his pocket shot Pelton through the heart killing him instantly. The excitement was then so great—men, women and children running out through doors and windows, as was most convenient and cries of murder coming from every quarter—that no one scarce knew what they were doing, and Keeney was permitted to get away after having been knocked down a few times, and his pistol taken from him, leaving his hat and cloak behind. He immediately ran to the river, about fifty yards distant, thinking, no doubt, to cross in a skiff which lay near by, but finding it about half full of water, turned his course in another direction, since which time he has not been seen or heard from. It is asserted that if Keeney had been caught on the evening of the murder, he would have been hung without ceremony. Following is a copy of the Coroner's inquest, held on the 1st instant:

We, the jury summoned by J. S. Grimes, J. P. acting coroner, to hold an inquest over the body of W. A. Pelton, deceased, are agreed and find that deceased was a native of the State of Ohio, and was about 35 years of age. We further find that the death of deceased was caused by a pistol shot from the hand of Elias Keeney, in the city of Harrisburg, Linn county, Oregon, on the evening of the 31st of January, 1873. Regarding assets, we find nothing.

Deceased had for sometime been engaged with the Taylor Family, but at the time of his death was engaged with Mr. Jas. Gove, of Harrisburg, in the manufacture of boots and shoes. So far as known he had no relatives on this coast. Mr. Keeney had been engaged in the livery business at Junction City, Lane county, but had sold out a few days before, with the avowed intention of going to Arizona. Up to this time no traces of the fugitive have been discovered.

SPORTS IN SWEET HOME VALLEY.—The appearance of three large cougars in Sweet Home Valley on last Sunday, afforded the denizens thereof a lively days chase. The male members of the above named little community seized their firearms, and calling their dogs, vigorously hunted those cougars through the entire day, pressing them closely, but did not succeed in getting away with either of the ferocious brutes. They succeeded, however, in wounding one of them, and in driving all of them from the valley into the fastnesses of the mountains.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—The following are the list of officers elected and duly installed in the Western Star Lodge IOGT, by F. M. Wadsworth, I.D. on the evening of Feb. 4th, for the term ending May 4th: WCT, William Stalger; WYT, Miss Annie Bentley; RHIS, Miss Flora Starr; LHS, Ella Rideout; WS, M. M. Hart; WFS, A. N. Arnold; WT, Ben. B. Turley; WM, D. E. Taylor, WDM, Miss Paulina Rideout; IG, Miss Jennie Luper; OG, R. Fox; WC, N. Wright; PWCT, H. C. Clement.

REMOVAL.—Dr. Geo. W. Gray has removed his office across the hall to the room occupied by Judge Baldwin, the Judge taking the rooms left vacant by the Doctor.—In fact these gentlemen have "swopped," and if you wish to consult Dr. Gray hereafter, you must enter the first door at the head of the stairs on the right hand as you enter the building—Parrish Brick—or the first door at the left, if you wish to consult Judge Baldwin.

PROBATE COURT.—During the week,

District No. 18.

Club No. 4 met at Trite's School-house, about eight miles east of this city, on Saturday, February 1st, 1873, A. G. Marshall presiding.

The question for discussion was: *Resolved*, That the Farmers of Oregon should unite and build warehouses of their own, in order to do away with the class of middlemen or grain speculators who, at present, control prices and reap the only profit.

Speeches were made by John Propst, Martin Miller, F. S. Powell, Solomon Crowder, H. C. Powell, L. C. Marshall, B. Cown and J. J. Blair. These gentlemen ably discussed and presented their views in relation to the present embarrassing situation, and the proper steps to be taken to overcome the monopoly that has been so strongly held to their disadvantage, and are wide awake to the interests involved in the matter now pending, which will certainly redound to their benefit in the coming harvest. The members of Club No. 4 are 'bricks, as we happen to know. ANON.

District No. 26.

Farmers' Club, District No. 26, met pursuant to adjournment at 1 o'clock P. M. of Saturday, Feb. 1st, D. Cook in the Chair.

House called to order, and minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

After some discussion the Constitution and By-Laws were called for and read, whereupon, on opening the books, ten gentlemen came forward and enrolled their names as members of the Club.

On motion, the Club proceeded to permanently organize by electing the following named gentlemen as officers for the ensuing year: President, D. Cook; Vice President, Dan Houck; Secretary, John Blevins; Assistant Secretary, Wallace Benedict.

It was then proposed that the organization be known as Farmers' Club School District No. 26, which was adopted.

The Chair then appointed Dan Houck and Alf Blevins to select a question for discussion at next meeting, who reported the following:

In what way can we procure means to ship our surplus to Astoria?

The Chair appointed E. E. Fanning essayer for the next meeting. On motion, adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock on Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1873. JOHN BLEVINS, Sec'y.

District No. 7.

The Farmer's Club No. 2, of school district No. 7, was organized January 4th, and is now in good working order. At the last meeting the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend the organization of a joint stock company, in which the stock shall be owned exclusively by farmers, for the purpose of building or purchasing a suitable store-house for grain, and that each member of the Company shall have but one vote in controlling the business of the Company, though he may own more than one share.

Published by order of the Club. J. M. MARKS, Sec.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. B. Sprenger, of St. Charles Hotel, Portland, called on Wednesday—the same jovial, warm-hearted Jake of yore.

Major Cook, of Portland, threw himself in sight for a moment, on Wednesday, as handsome as usual.

Mr. Stone, of the California Type Foundry, called yesterday. He has an awful hard name, but is a bully boy, nevertheless.

INSURED FOR \$2,500.—From Mr. J. B. Sprenger we learn that the building burned on Monday night was insured for \$2,500. The insurance would have expired on the 10th inst.

RELIGIOUS.—Usual services at the Congregational church next Sunday. Subject of the morning sermon: Immortality of the soul. All are invited.

\$3,400—Is the exact amount paid Mr. Morris on his Canal contract; the whole amount to be paid when the contract is finished being \$8,000.

THE MISSIONARY CONCERT.—At the Methodist Church on Sunday last, drew a large assemblage. The programme was very interesting.

VALENTINES.—Comic and sentimental, sold by A. Wheeler & Co., at Shedd.

It costs \$15 a thousand to manufacture postage stamps.

If You

Want a cook.
Want a situation.
Want a salesman.
Want a servant girl.
Want to rent a store.
Want to sell a piano.
Want to sell hardware.
Want to sell furniture.
Want to sell dry goods.
Want to sell a horse.
Want a boarding place.
Want to sell real estate.
Want to lend money.
Want to borrow money.
Want to buy a carriage.
Want to buy a house.
Want to rent a house.
Want to sell a carriage.
Want to sell a house and lot.
Want to sell millinery goods.
Want to find any one's address.
Want to sell a piece of furniture.
Want to find anything you have lost.
Want to sell agricultural implements.
Want to advertise anything to advantage.
Want to find an owner for anything found.

Advertise in the REGISTER, which is read by almost everybody in this city and adjoining towns.

THE PRESS.—That staunch Republican sheet, the Salem Statesman, under the guidance of Capt. Crandall, still gains in public favor, as it ought, as it is a live, newsy, and ably conducted journal. To make it still more attractive, a new dress has been provided, and it will appear handsomer and cleverer than ever. Our best wishes are with it.

The Jacksonville Sentinel begins its 13th volume with good prospects. Long may it wave.

The Oregonian entered upon its 13th year last Tuesday. In obtaining news it proposes to keep in the van of progress, is unconditionally Republican in politics, favors the interests of producers, and will spare no pains to deserve the good will of its readers. Bully for it.

The material of the old East Portland Era office has been purchased by Col. Cornelius, and shipped to the town of Cornelius, to be used in publishing a paper there.

ST. VALENTINE.—Will hold his principal court, in Portland, at the Franklin Book Store, 19 First street, and those of our citizens who want the latest, neatest and the most for their money in Valentines, or anything in the line of music, books, stationery, pictorials, magazines, etc., should not fail to call or send their orders there. See ad. elsewhere in this issue.

CHANGE OF FIRM.—Messrs. A. C. Layton and Wm. Tweedale, having associated themselves together for the purpose of dealing largely in groceries, provisions, etc., and having purchased the stock and good will of Messrs. Du Bois & Co., have removed to the frame store adjoining the Bank on the west, on First street, where they invite customers to call and see them.

THE DIFFICULTY.—A Democratic exchange remarks that "the arbitrary power of high handed anarchy is marching across the ruins of constitutional liberty." If this view of the case be correct, this "steady movement" makes it difficult indeed to address a letter so as to reach it!

MELANCHOLLY.—Little Jimmy, whose father threatened to thrash him soundly if he ever caught him using a rubber sling again, retired to the stable and hung—his head.

WILL APPEAR.—The lines entitled "Only a baby dead," will appear next week.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT enable the victims of disease to dispense with all other medicines. The former relieves the stomach, liver, and bowels of all obstructions; the latter heals every external sore, eruption, or wound. Sold 78 Maiden Lane, N. Y. Price, 25 cents per box or pot. Ask for new style; the old is counterfeited. 29

The Odd Fellows Lodge of this city is gaining rapidly in numbers and interest. The question of erecting a temple during the coming season is received with favor.

Steamboats climb the river as far as Corvallis, ten miles above this city, every now and then.

Dancing school, one night each week, over A. Carothers & Co.'s drug store, is what's the matter with the boys.

FASHIONABLE.—If you want a splendid perambulator, "cheap as dirt," go to Mealey's Furniture Warerooms, where you will find as well everything in the furniture and house furnishing line, at low figures. To see is to be convinced. 21w4.

THAT ENEMY OF MANKIND. Consumption, can be cured; but it is far better to prevent the cruel disease from fastening itself on the system, by the timely use of a remedy such as Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry affords. 24

A. WHEELER. C. P. HOGUE.

A. WHEELER & CO.,

SHEDD, OREGON,

Forwarding & Commission Merchants.

Dealers in Merchandise and Produce. A good assortment of all kinds of Goods always in store at lowest market rates. Agents for sale of Wagons, Grain Drills, Cider Mills, Churns, &c., &c. CASH paid for WHEAT, OATS, PORK, BUTTER, EGGS and POULTRY.

NEW TO-DAY.

OUT OF THE FIRE!

S. J. McCORMICK,

IS HAPPY TO INFORM HIS NUMEROUS friends, patrons, and the public in general, that he has

RE-OPENED

THE FRANKLIN BOOK STORE,

AT

19 FIRST STREET,

(NEXT TO CENTRAL MARKET)

with a complete stock of

School Books, Stationery, Blank Books, Gold Pens, Cutlery, &c., &c.,

which he will dispose of at

The Lowest Prices!

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

For all the popular

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES!

—which will be—

Delivered in any part of the city.

Portland, Feb. 7, 1873-231f

NOTICE.

ALL KNOWING THEMSELVES INDEBTED to me by book account, are hereby requested to come forward and settle their respective accounts between this and the 1st of March, 1873. For that purpose I will be found daily at my former place of business, between 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. JOHN GANTER, Albany, Jan. 29, 1873-221f

REMOVAL.

WEED HAS REMOVED TO BEACH'S building, south side of First, between Ferry and Broadway streets, where he respectfully calls the attention of his customers and the public to a new and well assorted stock of

Groceries, Provisions, &c., which he is now offering at reduced prices.

For Cash or Trade.

The highest market prices paid for all kinds of Country Produce.

Look for the Golden Beehive, No. 50 First street, Albany, Oregon.

H. WEED.



THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ANNOUNCES to the citizens of Albany and Linn county, that he has just opened a

JEWELRY ESTABLISHMENT

in this city, in the fire-proof brick formerly known as J. Ganters. I shall keep on hand and for sale all goods pertaining to my line of business, at lowest living rates. Especial attention paid to repairing fine time-pieces, wherein an experience of many years enables me, I trust, to give perfect satisfaction.

All goods sold and work done, warranted.

CHAS. BOURGARDES.

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Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the co-partnership composed of D. Beach, Thos. Monteith and A. S. Knox, under the firm-name of Beach, Monteith & Co., engaged in the business of manufacturing flour at Albany, Oregon, and in the commission business in the sale of flour at San Francisco, California, is dissolved as to the said A. S. Knox, he retiring from said co-partnership. The said D. Beach and Thos. Monteith continue the said co-partnership as to themselves under the name of Beach & Monteith.

DEMUS BEACH, THOS. MONTEITH, A. S. KNOX. This 23th day of Jan., 1873-22w4.