HALSEY.—From a correspondent we learn that Halsey is growing right along. The Grange Store is doing a land office business, employing four or five clerks constantly to wait on customers. Other business enterprises are flourishing, and the town is growing and expanding, notwithstanding hard times.

CHRISTMAS.—The "mist" fell almost continuously on Monday, but it seemed to make little difference to pedestrians, who kept promenading the streets all day, visiting stores, swapping talk, and to all appearances enjoying themselves. We don't remember to have seen a more general observance of Christmas-day in this city.

FOR SALE. FULL BLOOD BERKSHIRE PIGS.—Parties desiring to secure full blood Berkshire pigs, should call on Mr. J. G. Reed, who has a small number of pure Berkshires, four months old, which he will sell low. Parties can call at Mr. Reed's residence in this city, or leave orders at the Grange Union Store, Albany Oregon. 2*

M. E. QUARTERLY MEETING.—Rev. P. M. Starr, Presiding Elder of this District, will hold the second quarterly meeting of the present Conference year, at the M. E. Church in this city, on Saturday and Sunday next, Dec. 30th and 31st. All are invited.

THANKS.—Dr. Geo. W. Gray, Superintendent of the U. P. S. S., wishes us to extend his heartfelt thanks to the teachers of his Sabbath School for the presentation (hung on the Christmas tree) of a magnificent album, as a testimony of their regard and esteem. It is a most elegant present, and the Dr. is very proud of it.

Everybody insures in the North Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., represented by Messrs. Hall & Tustin, of this city. By the way, we learn that Mr. Hall is doing a heavy business for the Company in this county, everybody apparently taking policies. Good enough.

FAIR WARNING.—All persons knowing themselves indebted to Dr. E. O. Smith, are requested to come forward and settle at once. And don't you forget it.

Remember the turkey and oyster dinner at the Opera House next Monday, from 12 to 2 o'clock, and the sociable in the evening.

RANGE FOR SALE.—A second-hand range or cook stove for sale, with all the necessary furniture. For particulars call at this office.

A CARD.—As Pastor, I hereby express thanks to all who assisted in our Christmas entertainment at the M. E. Church.
J. F. DEVORE.

Don't forget the donation party at the M. E. parsonage this Friday evening, December 29th, 1876. Let every friend of the pastor and family attend well "leveled."

Prof. Warren, of Portland, came up on Monday, spending the time pleasantly among old friends until Thursday, when he returned to Portland, his present residence.

We were pleased to receive a call from Dr. Ballard, of Lebanon, on Tuesday. The Dr. is kept busy night and day by the unusual amount of sickness prevailing in his diocease.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Gold in New York, 107½
Legal tenders, 92@93c.
Wheat, $1 ℔ bushel.
Oats, 37½c ℔ bushel.
Butter, 25c ℔ pound.
Eggs, 30c ℔ dozen.
Chickens, $2 50@$3 00 ℔ dozen.
Beef—on foot, 3c; pork, do., 6c net.
Bacon—Sides, 13c; hams, 15c; shoulders, 8c.
Dried apples, 5c; plums, 12c.
Liverpool wheat market, Dec 27: Average, 10s9d@11s4d; club, 11s3d@11 8d.

Special Notices.

MUSICAL.—Miss Nettie Piper, teacher of Vocal and Instrumental music, has recently located in Albany, and prepared to give lessons in the above named branches. Has had several years experience in teaching, and can give the best of references. 4*

SPLENDID LUMBER.—Messrs. Conn & Co., Grassridge Mills, have a large quantity of dressed flooring and rustic for sale at Wheeler's, corner of Second and Ellsworth streets. It is superior lumber, and will be sold at low rates.

AT HOME.—Dr. G. W. Gray has returned from his Centennial trip, and can now be found at his office, in the Parrish brick, up stairs, by all who desire dental work of any kind. [46v7.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Rev. J. F. DeVore will hold services in the brown M. E. church in this city on Sabbath, morning and evening. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting each Thursday evening.

AUGUST FLOWER.—The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Water-brash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, &c. Go to your Druggist and get a 75 cent bottle of *August Flower* or a sample bottle for 10 cents. Try it—Two doses will relieve you. Agents, Crapo & Brigham, wholesale druggists, San Francisco. n5m3

CUT THIS OUT—IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE.—There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Diseases, Coughs, Colds or Consumption, yet some would die rather than pay 75 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. *Dr. A. Boschee's German Syrup* has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures astonishes every one that try it. If you doubt what we say in print, cut this out and take it to your Druggist, and get a sample bottle for 10 cents and try it. Two doses will relieve you. Regular size 75 cents. 5x9m3

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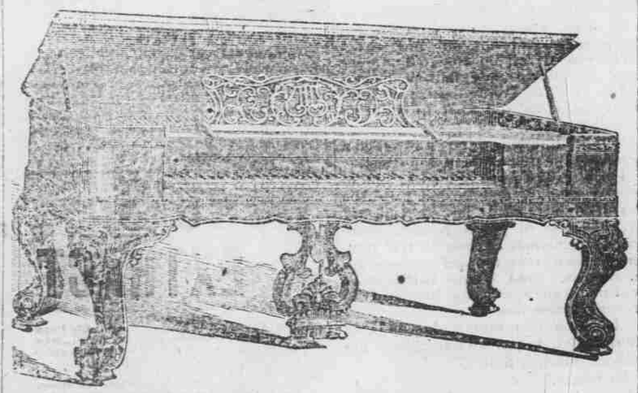

WEBER PIANO,

109 FRONT STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON.

The Standard Organ Triumphant.

Following is a copy of a Western Union telegram received by Sherman & Hyde, San Francisco:

NEW YORK, September 29, 1876.

Peloubet, Pelton & Co., of New York, have received DIPLOMA of HONOR and MEDAL of AWARD for the

CELEBRAT'D STANDARD ORGAN

D. W. PRENTICE, AGENT,

123 First Street, Portland, Oregon.

To the Working Class.—We are now prepared to furnish all classes with constant employment at home, the whole of the time, or for their spare moments. Business new, light and profitable. Persons of either sex easily earn from 50 cents to $5 per evening, and a proportional sum by devoting their whole time to the business. Boys and girls earn nearly as much as men. That all who see this notice may send their address, and test the business we make this unparalleled offer: To such as are not well satisfied we will send one dollar to pay for the trouble of writing. Full particulars, samples worth several dollars to commence work on, and a copy of Home and Fireside, one of the largest and best Illustrated Publications, all sent free by mail. Reader, if you want permanent, profitable work, address, GEORGE STINSON & Co., Portland, Maine. [n26v9.]

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

THE copartnership heretofore existing between John Hurd and G. F. Settlemeir, under the name of Hurd & Settlemeir, is dissolved. All accounts due the late firm must be paid to Settlemeir & Dawson, who alone are authorized to collect and receipt for the same.
G. F. SETTLEMEIR.
G. W. DAWSON.
December 18, 1876-n13m1

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, Seth S. Hays, has been, by an order of the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, made at the November term thereof, 1876, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Seth W. Hays, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at his place of business in Halsey, in Linn county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. SETH S. HAYS,
Administrator
Dated, Dec. 1, 1876. n10v9

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DEALER IN

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ALBANY, OREGON.

☞ Call and see him. 24v5

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[Letter from a Postmaster.]

"ANTIOCH, ILL., Dec. 1, 1874.

"MESSRS. J. R. ROSE & CO.:

"My wife has, for a long time, been a terrible sufferer from Rheumatism. She has tried many physicians and many remedies. The only thing which has given her relief is Centaur Liniment. I am related to say this has cured her. I am doing what I can to extend its sale.

W. H. RING.

This is a sample of many thousand testimonials received, of wonderful cures effected by the Centaur Liniment. The ingredients of this article are published around each bottle. It contains Witch Hazel, Mentha, Arnica, Rock Oil, Carbolic, and ingredients hitherto little known. It is an indisputable fact that the Centaur Liniment is performing more cures of Swellings, Stiff Joints, Eruptions, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Caked Breasts, Lock-jaw, &c., than all the other Liniments, Embrocations, Extracts, Salves, Ointments and plasters now in use.

For Toothache, Earache, Weak Back, Itch and Cutaneous Eruptions, it is admirable. It cures burns and scalds without a scar. Extracts poisons from bites and stings, and heals frost-bites and chilblains, in a short time. No family can afford to be without the Centaur Liniment, white wrapper.

The Centaur Liniment, Yellow Wrapper,

is adapted to the tough skin, muscles and flesh of the animal creation. Its effects upon severe cases of Scratch, Sweeny, Wind Gall, Big Head and Poll Evil, are little less than marvelous.

Messrs. J. McClure & Co., Druggists, corner of Elm and Front streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, say:

"In our neighborhood a number of teamsters are using the Centaur Liniment. They pronounce it superior to anything they have ever used. We sell as high as four to five dozen bottles per month to these teamsters."

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Mothers may have rest and their babies may have health, if they will use Castoria for Wind Colic, Worms, Feverishness, Sore Mouth, Croup, or Stomach Complaints. It is entirely a vegetable preparation, and contains neither mineral, morphine, nor alcohol. It is as pleasant to take as honey, and neither gags nor gripes.

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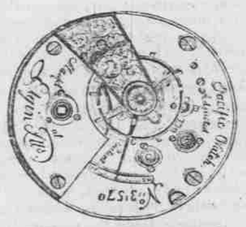

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A good assortment of Sewing Machine Needles and attachments.

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$5 to $20 per day at home. Samples worth $1 free. STINSON & Co., Portland, Me.

SEND 25c to G. P. ROWELL & CO., New York, for Pamphlet of 100 pages, containing 3,000 newspapers, and estimates showing cost of advertising. 28v8y

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, W. H. Goltra, was duly appointed by an order of the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, duly made at the October term of said court, 1876, the administrator of the estate of Selina Morris, late of Linn county, Oregon, now deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them to the undersigned, at his residence in Albany, Oregon, duly verified, within six months from the date hereof.
W. H. GOLTRA, Administrator.
November 17, 1876.-4w

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to A. McEntire, who is indebted to Hurd & Settlemeir on note of $116 and interest from Sept., 1876; to William Rumbaugh, on account of $102; to Charles Ingraham, balance on note of about $82, which is endorsed to Hurd & Settlemeir by Samuel Miller; to O. P. S. Plummer, account of $26 48; to C. O. Barnes, order of $10; to Fred. Graf, account of $18 50; to J. B. Wallace, account of $20, that they or either of them, the said debtors, shall not pay over to any person or persons who may hold said claim or claims until the whole of said amounts shall be endorsed as credit on a certain promissory note of $778 59, bearing date December 16, 1876 and due July 1, 1877, executed by George W. Dawson and George F. Settlemeir to John D Hurd.
SETTLEMEIR & DAWSON.
This 18th day of Dec., 1876-n13v9m1

Albany Register.

OFFICIAL CITY PAPER.

ALBANY, OREGON, DEC. 29, 1876.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

A apple cider and cinnamon beer,
Christmas comes but once a year!

Is as true a couplet now as when it was first written; and our citizens, fully appreciating the "situation," entered into the festivities usual to such occasions with the heartiest good will. The exercises in the evening at the various churches were most interesting, and of course secured the largest attention. The

BAPTIST CHURCH

was most beautifully decorated inside with evergreens, on each side and through the center. A number of beautiful crosses and wreaths, made of evergreen, were to be seen in various parts of the room. Over the pulpit was placed the beautiful motto, worked in evergreen, "Glory to God in the Highest," and just beneath it, in gilt letters, "God is Love." On the right were the words, "Peace on Earth;" on the left the expression of the angel to John in in Patmos, "Worship God." On either side of the pulpit was a tree, not bearing twelve manner of fruits, nor were their leaves for the "healing of the nations," but they bore many valuable presents, which proved to be very gratifying to many present. After the assembling of the people, numbering between three and four hundred, the exercises commenced about 7 P. M., conducted by Deacon Rufus Thompson, consisting of the following programme, the singing being conducted by Prof. G. P. Newell:

Singing—by the school.
Prayer—by Rev. A. J. Hunsacker.
Singing—by the school.
Address—by Dr. R. C. Hill.
Recitation—by Barbara Myer, "Santa Claus will come."
Recitation—by Dolly Banta.
Singing—by the school.

Then followed the presentation of the presents, numbering nearly four hundred in all. During the entire time the best of behavior was observed. The

M. E. CHURCH,

at an early hour Monday evening, was crowded far beyond its seating capacity, by the attendants and friends of the Sunday School. Two trees had been provided, which were loaded down with presents, whilst a large number were placed elsewhere, there being absolutely no room left on the trees to hang them. There were probably five hundred presents distributed. The decoration was beautiful, consisting of an arch with mottoes; large star with mottoes; monograms and wreaths of evergreen, trimmed with little flags, as well as an array of trimming all around the church. The decoration and general arrangements for the evening reflected credit on the officers of the Sunday School and the Committee who distributed the presents. Every one present seemed to be well pleased, more especially those who were so liberally remembered on the trees. The ornamentation will remain in the church, with the exception of the trees, until Spring, in all likelihood. At the

U. P. CHURCH

a good audience was assembled at an early hour on Christmas evening. The literary part was short, novel and very interesting, consisting of a short prayer, and a few very appropriate remarks by the pastor, Rev. S. G. Irvine, D. D., "Merry Christmas," by fourteen small children, each child reciting a verse, and an anthem by the church choir. At the close of the exercises, Kris Kringle himself, in costume, appeared and distributed the presents—and not a member of the Sunday School was missed. The church was decorated with festooning and very appropriate mottoes. The trees were on each side of the pulpit, with a wire drawn from one to the other, on which was made a grand display of scarfs, handkerchiefs, etc., while directly under it stood the pulpit, with its load of silver, toilet sets, glassware, etc. One of the principal events of the evening was a present to the Superintendent, Dr. Geo. W. Gray, of a large and beautiful album, from the members of the school, thus showing their appreciation of his services in that capacity for the last few years. Taking it altogether it was a grand success, showing that the several committees having the matter in charge were the right people in the right place.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

We have no report from this church; but learn that the presents were satisfactory, and an enjoyable time had by the large number in attendance.

There was no celebration, we believe, at either the Evangelical or Episcopal Churches. At the

CALVARY CHURCH

the Christmas festival went off in the usual pleasant manner. Not only the members of the school proper were present, but every vacant place in the church was filled with parents and other friends. The room had been beautifully decorated, under the direction of the Misses Conner and Libbie Althouse, and Messrs. Gaston, Ferry and Sox. Besides the usual garlands of evergreen upon the walls, heavy festoons were sprung from different points to centers in the ceiling. A cross wreathed in myrtle, with the initials, "I. H. S.," grouped in a crown about the top, filled the central space behind the organ and choir. Over the arch was displayed the single motto, "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth peace, good will to men." The handsome Christmas trees at the right and left of the pulpit platform, were heavily loaded with not less than two hundred gifts from parents and children, teachers and scholars, and other friends. The pastor and wife were kindly remembered with many pleasant testimonials of regard and encouragement. After everybody had been made happy in the way of giving and receiving, the pastor made a brief address, Mr. Thomas Calloway recited an original poem, and the "Merry Christmas" services were closed with a few appropriate remarks by the former Superintendent, Prof. R. K. Warren, and the doxology. Finis.

NEW YEARS.—As Monday next is New Years day, a day set apart by custom, almost from time immemorial, in the which gentlemen make calls on their lady friends, partaking of their hospitality, it becomes a matter of interest among the gentlemen of this city to know just who among the ladies are going to receive callers—keep open house—on next Monday afternoon. The general expression among the gentlemen is about this: Wherever the doors are open, window-blinds and curtains drawn back, and a streamer decorating the "pizaro," with slashins of good grub in sight, it'll be taken for granted they'll be welcome—and there'll be the place to hang up the usual 2 minutes and ½. Ladies, be prepared.

MATT. BLEDSOE REPORTED KILLED.—The Roseburg *Independent* says: "A party who was acquainted with the noted Matt. Bledsoe while in the Oregon penitentiary, passed through this city during the week. He informed us that Bledsoe is dead—was shot in Prescott, Arizona, by a man named Slocum, about six weeks ago. Matt. had been drinking heavily, and while in an intoxicated condition went into Slocum's saloon, ranting and swearing, and commenced breaking the tumblers on the counter and smashing up the bar fixtures. Slocum commanding him to desist, and Bledsoe paying not the slightest attention to his commands, drew a revolver and shot him dead. We suppress the name of our informant, who witnessed Matt.'s death."

GRAND PRAIRIE GRANGE.—At a meeting of Grand Prairie Grange, No. 10, P. of H., for the annual election, held on Saturday last, the officers elected were as follows: Worthy Master, Wm. Anderson; Overseer, Thomas Froman; Lecturer, Mrs. Annie Reed; Treasurer, Olney Fry, Jr.; Steward, Reason McConnell; Assistant Steward, Frank Burkhart; Assistant Stewardess, Mrs. Mary McConnell; Flora, Mrs. Susan Churchill; Pomona, Mrs. O. Froman; Ceres, Mrs. Bodine; Gatekeeper, S. Froman. The members of the Lodge partook of a basket dinner, and spent a most enjoyable time.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—A Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held at Oregon City on the third week in January, opening on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16th, and continuing two or three days. Some of the best speakers in the churches of Oregon are expected to present essays or addresses on living topics; which will be freely discussed by the convention. Churches are requested to send delegates, and all interested are invited to come. The hospitality of the church at Oregon City will be extended to all. W. Carey Johnson, Rev. J. T. Huff, Rev. D. J. Pierce, committee.

CHANGED HANDS.—Nearly or quite every bushel of wheat stored in this city last fall, has been sold within the last few days by the producer, either to our warehousemen or to houses below. The Farmers' Warehouse, Blain, Sox & Co., and probably others, who purchased wheat, have sold, and are shipping below as fast as possible, we understand. Ere long the money for this wheat will be paid out, putting in circulation many thousands of dollars, relieving, at least to some extent, the stringency now prevailing in money matters here. Let us have it piece.

THE DIPHTHERIA AT BROWNSVILLE.—This malady has made fearful havoc of the young in Brownsville. No less than twenty children have died with it there within the last two months, all of them, with one exception, under ten years of age. The exception was a child of fourteen. There were five deaths between Friday of last week and Monday of the present week—three days. And instead of decreasing, the malady seems to be gaining in strength, and is now attacking older persons. Some families have lost as many as three children. It is proving a dreadful scourge, and the end is not yet.

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT—The Young Folks and Old Folks had a way up party at the residence of Dr. D. B. Rice. A young gentleman and lady were united in mock marriage, by Rev. H. W. Stratton, who, to his agreeable surprise, received the veritable marriage fee in coin. The happy couple, with their friends, took a long bridal "tower," walking from the Dr.'s residence to the O. & C. Railroad depot, where they took the cars, returning on the railroad switch to the street running south of the point from which they started. There was just bushels of fun, the table was most bountifully supplied, the host and hostess, most affable and jolly, and everybody seemed to be on the top round of happiness.

DIRECTORS ELECTED.—Last Monday evening the stockholders of Linn Engine Co., No. 2, met at the house of the said Engine Co., and elected G. W. Gray, D. M. Thompson, J. F. McCoy, Frank Woods and A. B. Morris Directors for 1877. There was rather a slim attendance of stockholders, owing to the Christmas trees, ball, etc., on that evening.

TEMPERANCE.—Bart. H. Allen, State Deputy, I.O.G.T., will address the citizens of Linn county at the times and places mentioned as follows: Sodaville, on the evening of Jan. 2d, 1877. Pleasant Valley School-house, evening, Jan. 3d. Cyrus Grange Hall, evening, Jan. 4th. Jordan Valley, evening, Jan. 5th.

He will organize lodges wherever desired.

Jobwork has kept us busy during the week. We are turning out letter and bill heads, cards, circulars, etc., in neat style at reasonable low figures for coin.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BROWNSVILLE.

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 25th, 1876.

EDITOR REGISTER:—This Christmas-day, the day on which it is believed the Christ-child was born into the world, and which all christians celebrate as a day of rejoicing in commemoration of that morning when the angels from heaven proclaimed peace on earth and good will to men, is one of sadness and mourning to many a weeping father and mother in our quiet village. The grim destroyer is indeed in our midst, and the Angel of Death has with noiseless step entered the halls of the rich as well as the cottage of the poor, plucked from thence the choicest buds and flowers, and carried them away to the silent mansions of the dead. But death loves a shining mark, and we are fain to believe that, through the sufferings and death of the Christchild, these buds and flowers will bud and bloom again more brightly in the sunlight of heaven, never more to fade and die.

Three of the oldest children of H. R. Powell and wife have been called away, and but one is left—three angels in Heaven, and one little babe left to them on earth.

Three of John Cunningham's children have obeyed the summons—two of them even now await their consignment to the tomb—and one is left, though for how long, God only knows.

S. B. Westcott has lost two, and is himself very near the other shore.

G. C. Thompson has lost one, and we know not whose may next be summoned.

How true it is that "in the midst of life we are in death." Death is indeed reaping a rich harvest here, but we trust all the sheaves will be garnered in the storehouse of God.

There is nothing talked of here but death, and consequently I can write of nothing else. Yours, O. R. EGGS.

LETTER FROM A TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT.

HALSEY, Or., Dec. 26, 1876.

ED. REGISTER:—I arrived at this place on the 20th inst. After providing for my little horse, I bore my letter of introduction to Mr. Black, the gentlemanly Superintendent of the Grange Store at this place. His business was such that he really appeared not to have any time to devote to any one outside of his customers. This store is doing an immense business, keeping some four or five men busy waiting upon customers.

In the afternoon I rode out to Aaron Condras, where I took twelve applications. Next day went in the direction of West Point, passing through a fine farming country, with good houses, barns, etc. The farmers generally have made good use of the past two or three weeks. I have seen from two to four plows going on most of the farms. Some are done, others half done, and so on. As my business was with farmers, I talked freely with them about farm interests as well as insurance. They are to a man in fine spirits; say there will be at least one-third more acreage in grain the coming season than the last, and with favorable weather the Halsey warehouses cannot give them storage room for their grain, and are jubilant over the expectation of the coming crop bringing a good price. I never was more hospitably entertained, both myself and horse, free of charge.

The only difficulty in traveling from house to house in places is the absence of necessary gates—in many places had to lay down the fences.

Having secured applications to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, with a good prospect for ten or fifteen more, we headed for Halsey. I feel confident that at least one hundred thousand dollars may be secured in this vicinity. Respectfully,
W. F. H.

LINN COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

Agreeable to previous announcement, a business meeting of Linn County Bible Society was held in the U. P. Church on Saturday evening, Dec. 23d, 1876, Rev. Dr. Irvine presiding, Mr. J. Conner acting as Secretary.

The report of Mr. Foshay, Depositary Agent, was submitted and approved. The report shows that the depositary is well supplied with bibles and other books, which can be purchased at actual cost.

The meeting adjourned to attend annual meeting of the Society, appointed for Sabbath evening in the Court House.

On Sabbath evening Dec. 24th, the Court House was closely filled with our citizens, there being no other church services, probably, in the city. Rev. Dr. S. G. Irvine, President of the Society, in the chair. The exercises were opened with prayer, after which Rev. J. Bowersox, pastor of the Evangelical Church, made a very eloquent and able address in behalf of the distribution of the bible. He was followed by Prof. Powell, of Albany Collegiate Institute, Rev. T. B. White, pastor of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. P. C. Hetzler, State Agent, in interesting addresses, after which a collection was taken up, which amounted, added to the books sold during the year, to $88 35.

The committee appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, made the following report, which was adopted:

President, Rev. H. W. Stratton.
Vice President, Rev. J. F. De Vore.
Secretary, Rev. J. Bowersox.
Treasurer, Rev. T. B. White.
Depositary Agent, Mr. J. Foshay.
Executive Committee—Rev. R. C. Hill, Dr. J. P. Tate, F. M. Miller, E. B. Purdom and L. H. Montanye.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
F. M. MILLER,
Chr. Ex Com.

THE PLACE.—If you want an elegant suit of clothing suitable for making New Years calls or to get married in, L. E. Blain has them, at a less price than you ever heard of before in this city. Go and ask Blain about it.