

LOCAL MATTERS.

To Members of the Republican County Central Committee.

The late D. M. Thompson was Chairman of your Committee. His death leaves the chair vacant. In view of this fact, and at the request of members of the committee, I hereby call a meeting of the members of said committee on Saturday next, February 28th, at the REGISTER office, for the purpose of electing a Chairman, apportioning the delegation, calling the County Convention, and for any other business that may properly come before the Convention. Those who can not possibly attend, will please inform the undersigned by letter or otherwise of their wishes in the matter.

COLE VAN CLEVE.

New Canal Company. A new corporation, known as the Brownsville Canal & Water Company, with H. R. Powell, John M. Waters and J. M. Mayer as incorporators, filed articles on Tuesday in the office of Secretary of State. Office at Brownsville, capital stock, \$5,000, divided into 100 shares of \$50 each. The object is to furnish water for manufacturing purposes.

Popular Science Lectures. The celebrated speaker and author, Dr. J. Simms, is delivering a very agreeable, witty and instructive course of lectures at the Opera House in this city, on physiology now. The course will continue Friday, Saturday, and next Monday and Tuesday evenings. None should fail to attend these lectures. Call at the Opera House and get a chart at once.

Yaquna Bay.

The memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation for the improvement of Yaquna Bay, was forwarded from Corvallis on the 12th inst. The memorial contained three thousand and twenty names, secured in the several counties interested, as follows: Benton, 1,134; Lion 74; Polk 192; Wasco 85; Douglas 88; Multnomah 31; Marion 294; Yamhill 119; Lane 213; Clackamas 18. We hope for a good road appropriation.

Can't Take It, Maggie. It's so nasty, it makes me sick to take it. This is what your children say about the majority of those nauseous Cough Mixtures. What is the use of trying to force such stuff down the poor little throats? Buy a bottle of that famous Yankee Cough Syrup, and your children, after taking it will cry for more. Its relief is instantaneous.

Concert and Fair.

The concert first given by the ladies of St. Paul's M. E. Church Tuesday evening at the Opera House, was a grand success. The entertainment consisted of orchestral music, choruses, duets, solos, etc., by the first musicians in the city, and gave the best of satisfaction to all who were fortunate enough to be in attendance. The evening was very incident, and together with the alarm of fire which rang out as the refreshment tables were being prepared, operated against the receipts; still, under these drawbacks the receipts amounted to about eight dollars, which will leave quite a little purse for the necessities of the Church after all the bills are paid.

Grand Festival, Supper, etc. The Ladies Aid Society of this city will give a grand festival, supper, etc., on the evening of the 25th inst., at the Opera House. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged at the door, supper will be 25 cents, and ice cream 25 cents. Various articles, useful and ornamental, will be offered for sale. We all remember how pleasant these occasions have been made heretofore by the ladies of the Association, and we are certain that the coming occasion will not be one with behind its predecessors. Besides the money thus obtained it is to be used in aiding and relieving the necessities of the destitute among us, and by attending we are contributing to a worthy charity and passing a pleasant and agreeable evening as well. As heretofore, doubtless, everybody will attend.

Fire Tuesday Night.

The alarm of fire on Tuesday night was given by the burning of the dwelling on Second street, just west of the old Baptist church, occupied by Mr. James R. Herren, and owned by Mr. Mart. Bringham. The alarm was given about nine o'clock, and both engines were upon the ground in an exceedingly short space of time, considering the exorbitant condition of Second street. The engine got the first water. Mr. Herren's family were absent in Harrisburg, from whence he had returned on the afternoon of Tuesday. Getting home late, he repaired to the house, kindled a fire in the parlor stove, and lighting the lamp and placing it on the piano, he went to attend the meeting of Safety Lodge, A. O. U. W., of which he is a member. The lodge had been adjourned but a few minutes when the fire alarm was given. When the engines arrived upon the spot, it was found that the fire had done its work pretty thoroughly inside, and was bursting out through the roof and sides, and before the fire could be got at fairly, the building was ruined. A portion of the furniture was saved, in a damaged condition. We understand there was an insurance on the furniture of \$1,315; on the house there was an insurance of \$100, probably not much more than half its value.

Sherrif, L. C. Dickey was arrested in Portland at the Occidental Hotel, about 11 o'clock on Wednesday night, on the charge of adultery with Mrs. M. L. Gofforth, the warrant being issued on the evidence of Mrs. Gofforth's husband. We are inclined to believe the prosecution malicious, and that our Sheriff will come out all right.

Hard Times. No one knows better the whole truth expressed in the two words heading this article than printers. As a general rule printers are last to be paid, and often the small amounts due for the paper of advertising is grudgingly paid, although the party may have been benefitted a hundred fold, and enjoyed many pleasant hours perusing the work of the printer. We do not wish to be understood as complaining at the printer's lot, hard though it may seem at times, we only wish to utter a few homely truths. And now we wish to say that there are men in this country, who call themselves honest, far-sighted, who after having been served faithfully for one, two, three, five, seven years and more, without paying anything but promises for the weekly visits of the county paper, when dimmed for what they honestly owe, get very indignant, swear they are honest itself, always pay their debts, but don't propose to be dunned, and threaten that if they are not let alone the editor will have a good time getting his money. This is one of the species the printer meets, while others are bland as a moping in Spring, and promise—but never pay. A man that won't pay when he can, is not an honest man, and the community in which he lives should be posted as to his lack of honor in this respect. We have a large number of persons on our books to whom the REGISTER was sent on "faithful promises" as aforesaid, but they never made their word good by paying a cent, we have ceased sending the paper to them. If they have a spark of honor remaining, they will come forward now and pay us what is legally and rightfully our due. If they fail to do this they are not "square men," are not good citizens, and their neighbors and the community at large ought to know it. Patience has ceased to be virtue as to such parties, and lightning will strike some of them before Spring—and don't you forget it.

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Waltburg, W. T., Correspondence. WATTSBURG, W. T., Feb. 9, 1880. EDITOR REGISTER:—Two men received injuries resulting fatally, in this vicinity, during the past two weeks, by runaway teams. The first was Jack Carlton, of Lewiston; the last John Snodgrass, of Watta Walla. The weather has been quite pleasant here for the past two weeks, most of the time sun shining brightly, and the roads are good, and in some places dusty. The farmers are pretty well along with their plowing, and are commencing to sow wheat and barley, as during this month they wish to get in as much grain as possible. But little grain is sown here in the fall; the plowing is done during autumn and early winter. Business is brisk here, the result of good crops in the past, the prospect for the future, and the building of railroads, making transportation cheaper and more rapid than at present. We purpose making a trip farther north and east soon, as our winter term of school has closed, and we are free again. The early settlers of this vicinity say that the wind storm of January 9th, was the most severe ever known in this part of the country, and as so much fence was blown down, many farmers were converted to the "No Fence Law" faith, and will, perhaps, be the means of increasing the vote in favor of that measure.

Lebanon Items. From our regular correspondent under date of 17th inst: Snow about an inch deep. Dr. J. M. Powell's drug store was moved yesterday. St. Valentine's day was a day of fun among the Lebanon boys. Several young artists had a chance to try their skill in the comic business. Owing to some difficulty among the members of the C. P. Church, the Sunday School and Christian Association have moved their headquarters to the Santiam Academy. W. H. Wheeler, who took a trip to the Clackitau county a few weeks ago, returned last Thursday, in good health, reporting the country as most too cold for him. A Temperance Reform Club is now being organized in this town. A committee of seven persons will report a constitution and set of by-laws, next Tuesday. The Santiam river is higher now than at any other time this winter. Mills and other property along the river are in danger.

Woman Suffragists. The Women's Suffrage Convention was held in Portland last week, and was well attended and very harmonious. Mr. E. F. Heroy was elected President for the coming year. A motion prevailing that a Vice President for each county be appointed by the President, he appointed as follows: Miss Agnes Coburn, of Multnomah; Mrs. S. A. McCown, of Clackamas; Mrs. M. Minto, of Marion; Miss Maggie Foster, of Linn; Miss Lillian Cooke, of Yamhill; Mrs. M. J. Fytnale, of Jackson; Mrs. F. Owens, of Douglas; Jackie Slaus Smith, of Clatsop; Mrs. Nichols, of Polk; Mrs. Donnell, of Wasco; Mrs. Tozier, of Washington; Mrs. Webster, of Cook and Curry; Mrs. Myers, of Josephine; Mrs. Curry, of Grant; Mrs. Eaton, of Union; Mrs. Cleaver, of Baker; Mrs. Olney, of Lake; Mrs. Chenoweth, of Benton; Mrs. Bean, of Lane. Mrs. J. De Vore Johnson was elected Recording Secretary; Mrs. M. A. Edmunds, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Keeman, Treasurer. The ladies intend battling for the right to vote until they get it—and don't you imagine they won't.

Religious Services. Rev. J. T. Wolfe will discourse on "Dancing," at the M. E. Church, next Sunday evening. All are invited. Jeems—"I see Robin that the papers say we were to have another storm next Monday." Robin—"Mon it's terrible! Monday the Yankees have gotten the weather into their keepin' we have a storm every other day."

Our District Schools. The following report of Albany public schools is handed to us for publication: Whole number enrolled for the five months' term, ending January 30th, 402—girls, 208; boys, 194. Average number belonging, 233. Average daily attendance, 260. The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the term, and are placed on the HALL OF HONOR: Laura Hale, Flora Cowan, Ada Simpson, Maggie Harvey, Walter Harvey, Jennie Gordon, Nellie Matthews, Colonel Matthews. We now have an admirable corps of teachers, under the lead of Prof. Soa, and our schools have been unusually successful. There seems to be but one drawback to perfect success now, and that is the crowded state of the rooms, the average to each room being 80, which is too much for health at least. The district ought to have a larger, better ventilated and lighted building than the old frame known as the Central School-house. We owe it to our children to furnish them pleasant, healthy and attractive rooms in which to receive their mental food; the civilized world has long outlived the idea that any barn or huppen is suitable as school-rooms for our youth. And another thing may be mentioned while we are on the subject, and that is that it is money in the pockets of every community to procure good teachers and pay them living salaries. In this way we can get and retain competent educators. It is now a generally recognized fact that frequent change of teachers is an injury to the school. To make a school all it should be, the efforts of directors should first be to secure first class teachers, and the next to pay them adequate salaries,—salaries equal to men of brains in other departments of business—so that they may be induced to remain permanently in their places.

School Meetings. Below we give a few leading features of the school law relating to school meetings and the rights of voters, which will be of interest to our readers: Section 34 of the school law directs that school meetings, in school districts of less than five hundred qualified voters shall be held on the first Monday in March, notice of which must be posted in three public places within the district at least ten days prior to the meeting, which notice must state time of day and place of meeting. In districts of five hundred or more voters, the business meeting of officers must be held on the first Monday in March, and the annual election on the second Monday, between the hours of 2 p. m. and 6 p. m. Section 43 provides that any citizen of this State shall be entitled to vote at a school meeting who is twenty-one years of age, and has resided in the district thirty days immediately preceding the meeting, and who has property in this district upon which he or she pays a tax. Section 44 provides that women who are widows and have children to educate, and taxable property in the district and who have resided in the district thirty days as aforesaid, are entitled to vote. Section 45 provides that districts cannot levy a tax for any purpose, unless the notice calling the meeting states this to be the object.

Brownsville Flash. Our correspondent writes under date of February 17th: New ditch company. The Woolen Factory run one day and night this week. The Amelia House is open for guests. J. E. Irvine, Esq., having rebuilt the Brownsville Hotel, has opened it in fine style. Number of delegates go to Eugene from here to attend the Alliance. Some snow here and very bleak weather. Three candidates for county offices in this district. The name of Mr. Sperry, Republican, will be presented at the County Convention for the office of Sheriff by his many friends here. Can't think of anything more. With add this: If the County Convention lacks candidates, I will allow you to offer my name. The county offices must be kept tip. You bet. Rah.

The Lecture. Dr. Simms' first lecture, on Wednesday night, was thoroughly enjoyed by a crowded audience, the Opera House being crisscrossed. Row after row of applauding greeted the happy hits made by Dr. during his lecture. At the close of the lecture, upon invitation, Mrs. Cheate came forward to have for character delineated, which the Dr. succeeded in doing to the satisfaction of the audience. Mrs. Eddy was the next to appear on the stand, followed in turn by Messrs. Dr. Lister, Jason Wheeler, Jas. Finlyson and Rev. Mr. Stevens. The Dr. made a success of it on the occasion. Tuesday morning about sixty tons of railroad iron was shipped up the Columbia to Wallula from Celilo. The work of blasting through an immense cut, just above Celilo, progresses slowly on account of the numerous fissures in the rock. An additional force will be put on at once, and the work pushed as rapidly as possible under the direction of Superintendent Hall.

New Goods! New Goods! A large invoice of new goods, late novelties, fresh groceries, and notions of all kinds, now being received at A. B. McIlwain's, to which your attention is invited.

PARAGRAPHS. Williamsite feels the effects of a snow and rain fall alternately during the week. Dr. J. Simms, the physiognomist, commenced a course of lectures at the Opera House Wednesday evening. Hiram Smith, of Harrisburg, was in the city on Wednesday, in good spirits notwithstanding the hard times. Tweedale keeps good stoves, ranges, tinware, etc. A gentleman just from the States purchased a farm near the city, in the front of the week, paying six thousand dollars therefor. Garden seeds and onion sets, in quantities to suit, at Haffenden Bros. French makes a specialty of cleaning timepieces, repairing jewelry, etc.—and he is a first class workman. Haffenden's have vegetables, cheeses, fish, all kinds of canned goods and groceries—a large stock, at most reasonable rates.

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