

THIRTY YEARS AGO.
Half a century has elapsed since the first issue of this paper was published. It has grown from a small sheet of four pages to a large paper of sixteen pages, and has become one of the most influential organs of the Albany community. It has witnessed the growth of the city from a small village to a large metropolis, and has been a faithful chronicler of its history and progress.

THE BULLOCKS.—Last Sabbath a little ten-year-old boy named Henderson, son of Dr. C. P. Henderson, had a fearful fall and a narrow escape from death. At the mouth of the Santiam Canal, where it empties into the Calapoia, in the upper part of the city, the water of the Canal falls over a perpendicular bank for a distance of some thirty feet on to a ledge of flat rocks which line the water margin of the Calapoia. On Sunday the water was turned off at the head of the Canal, leaving only a small amount running. The little boy named Henderson, who was with his father, was walking on the bank when he slipped on the slimy sediment which has gathered on the bottom of the ditch, and almost in an instant was swept over the falls and precipitated with lightning velocity on to the rocks below—the fall breaking his arm in two places and otherwise bruising him about the head and body. With great presence of mind, however, the little fellow clinging to the rocks and crawled out of the sweeping current, thus saving himself from being carried into the river, which is only a few feet from where he fell. He then called for his little brother who stood upon the bank above, to run for assistance, and the little fellow promptly obeying, several gentlemen were soon at the scene of the accident, and, clambering down the precipitate bank, managed by great labor and perseverance to convey the boy up the bank and to his mother's house, where he was promptly and skillfully waited on by Drs. Boughton and Plummer and his wounds properly cared for. He will get along all right.

FIREMEN'S PICNIC.—The Albany Firemen's Picnic, last Friday, was a repetition of all the former festivities of our fire lads—an eminent success in all of its features. On the previous evening a delegation of the Portland Fire Department was met at the depot by Albany Fire Company and our Brass Band, and escorted to the St. Charles Hotel, where every attention and hospitality was freely given them during their two days' stay with us. The parade of firemen on Friday morning was a beautiful and attractive pageant, and the exercises at the Grove were varied and interesting, being witnessed by a large concourse of citizens of Albany and vicinity. The ball at Pacific Opera House in the evening was, we believe, more numerous attended than any heretofore given in our city, there being at least two hundred ladies and gentlemen present, all of whom seemed to enjoy themselves with "hilarious merriment." The hall was tastefully and appropriately decorated and the music was excellent. Supper was served at both hotels, and some idea may be gained of the numerous attendance when it is ascertained that the spacious dining halls of both were crowded with guests two or three times during the progress of supper. We have heard nothing but the utmost satisfaction expressed at the management of the affair throughout the day's festivities and the evening's enjoyments. The whole affair was conducted in the most creditable manner.

FROM MISSOURI.—From an immigrant who last week arrived here from Northeast Missouri we learn that the country prospects in that region were never darker than the present year. He thinks that fully one-half the stock has died during the past winter for want of food and from the severity of the weather; and many people are running very short for something to live on. They can get no profit, and it is even feared that some of them will starve before they can raise another crop. There is no prospect for raising a crop this season. The grasshoppers are hatching out by millions; there seems to be one for every square foot of surface; and they are already devouring everything green. In Bates county they have eaten most of the corn, flax and gardens. Our informant says "he does not know what the name of God the people there will die!" This is indeed a sad and disheartening picture.

BASE BALL.—Two match games of base ball were played in this city last Saturday, between two Albany and two Corvallis clubs. One of the matches was between a juvenile club and the other between adults. In the latter our fellows were badly clobbered, the score standing 23 for the Albany boys to 49 for the Corvallisites; but as a promise for our defeat in the big match, our "Juniors" walked away with the Corvallis youngsters to the mark of 23 to 20. This was a good game for the little rooters, and their tall feathers now flutter in the breeze as high as the meek'n' bones steeple.

A FLESH OF NATURE.—We have now on exhibition in our sanctum a stuffed white gopher, brought by Mr. Wm. Crabtree, who caught it on his farm a short distance below Lebanon, on the Santiam, and stuffed it himself. It is perfectly white, and in view of the fact that such a thing has never been known before, it attracts considerable attention. After remaining in our possession until all who desire may have an opportunity of seeing it, we have promised Mr. Crabtree to send it to the Portland Museum.

LAST.—A lady's trodden shoe—mixed colors—one large black stripe about six inches wide through the middle. It was the 27th of April between Lebanon's farm near this city and the Oak Creek bridge. The finder will please leave it at this office.

BALLOON'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR JUNE.—It has an extra good assortment of stories, elegant poetry, fine illustrations, and all the variety that goes to make up a first-class and popular magazine. It is the greatest favorite for a cheap serial, of any in the country, and the reason is, it has more variety than other magazines. A sea story is in each number, and one or two personal adventures, which are always interesting to men and boys, and even the ladies like to read them, if a thread of love runs through the tales. The contents of the June number are exceedingly rich and varied. Thomas & Talbot, Publishers, 33 Broadfield street, Boston.

CAMPMEETING.—There will be a campmeeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in connection with the meeting of Synod near Lebanon, Linu county, commencing on the 25th of June. Synod to convene on the 30th. Distinguished ministers from abroad are expected. All are cordially invited to attend and come, as far as practicable, prepared to take care of themselves and teams. No huxter stands permitted within the limits of the grounds, as prescribed by law. By order of session, C. A. WOOLY, Minister.

AN ALBANY CORRESPONDENT OF THE Bulletin writes as follows to that paper: "Albany is improving very rapidly. Many new and substantial structures are in course of construction. Time will designate this beautiful town as the queen city of Oregon." The STATE RIGHTS DEMOCRAT, under the supervision of Messrs. Brown & Stewart, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is one of the handsomest offices in the State. They will soon have their presses running by water power. "Mart. means business."

BENEFIT.—A grand spelling match for the benefit of the Albany Ladies' Aid Society will be held at the Pacific Opera House next Tuesday night. Admission 25 cents. Refreshments, in the way of ice cream, strawberries, cake, etc., will be supplied at a reasonable "figger." The members of the committees that were appointed at the last meeting of the Society are expected to be on hand at an early hour that evening for the purpose of performing their allotted duties. We trust our citizens will turn out en masse and give the ladies a rousing benefit.

"HOG TOWN," on the Benton county side of the river, opposite this city, is fast assuming municipal proportions. It contains about a dozen neat cottages, most of which are in the midst of thrifty and attractive gardens. All these improvements have sprung up in the past year or two, and if this thrift continues we may shortly expect to hear the plebeian name of "Hog-Town" give place to the more patrician title of "Porkopolis." Ashby Pierce will probably be the first Mayor of the "Opolis, and F. M. Wadsworth, Recorder.

WANTED.—100,000 pounds of wool—for which O. Fox & Bro. are prepared to pay the highest cash price. They also take pleasure in announcing that one of their firm has just returned from San Francisco, with a large and well assorted stock of general merchandise, which they offer lower than ever for cash or country produce. The public will do well by examining their stock before purchasing elsewhere. They have a large supply of wool sacks and twine for sale.

OVERLAP MONTHLY FOR JUNE.—This is the closing number of the fourteenth volume, and we must admit that the present issue contains many entertaining and valuable articles, by authors who make their reputation on the magazine. The contents are lengthy and varied, and are fully up to any standard publication of the older States. Address J. H. Carmany & Co., 409 Washington street, San Francisco, with \$4 for subscription.

CHAR. WILSON, a Scotchman, who has been for many years bilking his Caledonian brethren in this State out of various sums, the other day appeared in these parts and tried to walk away with a few "scuds" from Mr. J. A. Finlayson, but the wary and Scottish gentleman had heard of the uncanny man and wouldn't give him a cent's worth of silver. Let everybody look out for the bilk.

KICKED IN THE MOUTH.—Last Monday Hoxonian Burkhardt, son of Lee Burkhardt, was kicked square in the mouth by a young horse which he was breaking for the saddle. The blow split his lip open and mangled the inside of his mouth in a frightful manner, but fortunately no bones were broken. Dr. Hill is plastering him up again all right.

WOOL WANTED. P. C. Harper & Co. will pay the highest cash price for all the wool they can get, and would respectfully inform everybody that they have a fine stock of general merchandise for sale very low for cash, or to prompt paying customers on time.

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