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O & C. R.R. TIME TABLE,
Albany Station.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

BOUND NORTH.

ALBANY EXPRESS Departs at		5:30 A. M
FREIGHT TRAINS " "		9:00 A. M.
MAIL TRAIN	Arrives at	11:45 A. M.
	Departs at	12:05 P. M

BOUND SOUTH.

MAIL TRAIN	Arrives at	11:45 A. M
	Departs at	12:05 P M.
FREIGHT TRAIN " "		3:30 P. M.
ALBANY EXPRESS Arrives at		8:35 P. M.

All Trains daily, except Sunday.

NOTICE.—On and after this date regular tickets will be sold at our ticket office for following points on Columbia river: Upper Cascades, Dalles, Umatilla, Wallula, Walla Walla and Ainsworth.

WILL. B. RICE,
Freight and Ticket Agent
O. & C. R. R. Co.

Albany, June 18th, 1881.

FOR SALE.

My former residence corner of Seventh and Elsworth Streets. For particulars inquire of A. Stalger. F. EGGERT,

Some Prineville News.

From a letter written by D W Claypool Jan. 5th, at Ochoco, to an Albany gentleman we glean the following facts:

To start with it turned cold Dec. 6th, and snowed 2 inches, and on the 14th commenced again, and snowed for two days and nights, when it stopped it was about 24 inches deep at Ochoco and 30 inches at Prineville, about 16 on Beaver Creek and the farther north and west one went the deeper it was. On Willow Creek it was 3½ to 4 feet on level, and from Cow Canyon to The Dalles, from 4 to 5 and 7 feet deep. Stock suffered very much, it being so bad that stockmen could not gather nearly all of their stock to feed.

Ben Allen has 5000 head snowed in at Cherry Creek, one-half of which he offers to anyone who will take them through the winter. On the desert the snow was not deep. On the 19th a Chinook took the snow down to 7 or 8 inches, and nearly all off on the Beaver. Most of the time during the last three weeks the mercury was down to 18° below zero and at Prineville to 36° below on one morning.

Wood has gone up to $8 to $10 per cord. All the hay has been bought up that could be found, some selling for as high as $20 per ton, oats and barley four and five bits. A chinook on the 3rd and rain all that night settled the snow down to 10 inches and it is now nearly all off.

At Paulina the stock was looking bad, the snow being crusted.

Connecticut Letter.

Another delayed letter from J H Maine, gives the particulars of his trip east. Leaving Portland Nov. 22, a day took him to The Dalles and thence onward in a manner that reminded him of Mother Goose's going fourteen miles in fifteen days. Arriving at Chicago he would gladly have rested his weary bones, but he was bound for Connecticut, so on he went, arriving there in due time used up. Anxious inquiries were made about his being killed by Indians, many being suprised that he was not, poor ignoramuses.

Antoher lettter tells of Mr. Maine's visiting the spot where he was born, only the cellar being left. When he told the people of that hilly country about the soil here and what could be raised, speaking only the truth, the natives thought he had become a famous liar, particularly when he told about Ashby Pierce's large 20 pound white turnip. At the time of writing Mr Maine was about to start for Hartford to inspect the new State Capitol.

Very Deliberate Suicide.

One of the most deliberate cases of suicide that ever been the lot of the newspaper to chronicle occurred a mile and a half from Clackamas Station recently. The felodese was a German named Shroder. He was blind in one eye and expected to lose the sight of the other. This induced him to shoot himself, which he did two or three weeks since at his cabin, but his body was not discovered until last Monday. Previous to the act he dug his own grave, made his will, put a black flag at the front door and left a note, both ordering his body to be buried in the grave mentioned and presented to the medical fraternity, asking that some German surgeon examine his eye balls to ascertain the cause of their disease. He stated that he had bought the place to die on and that in twenty minutes the deed would be done. Schroder left several hundred dollars besides his place where found and property in Coos county. A more peculiar case is rarely reported.

Athletic Association.

An Athletic Association has been organized by the members of the Albany Mechanics Band, with the following officers:

Wm Fortmiller, President.
Geo I Foster, Secretary.
M J Monteith, Treasurer.
Wm Henderson, Sergeant at Arms,

The Association will meet in Parrish's Hall, which they have rented. They now have a horizontal bar, a trepeze, some rings, Indian clubs, etc., and will add in time to their apparatus. This is a worthy institution deserving of support.

Damage to County.

As far as learned the damage done to the County by the late storms may be summarized as follows: Sanderson bridge approach gone, Lebanon bridge nearly ruined, Richardson bridge flat, Muddy bridge non est, two or three Oak Creek bridges gone down stream, and slough bridges all over the County absent, amounting in all to several thousand dollars.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. A C Layton wishes to express her thanks, to the many kind friends who rendered her such great assistance during her husbands late illness and after his decease.

Wanted.

By the undersigned, living a mile and a half north of Knox's Butte, from 50 to 100 Angora goats from two to five years. Call or address me at Albany.

ROBERT CHAMBERS.

Probate Court.

Jan. 8, 1885.—In the the matter of the estate of J A Wrenn final account filed and hearing set for Feb. 7, at 10, a. m. In the matter of the estate of John Howes, W W McGee, Administrator, filed final account and Tuesday, March 3rd at 1 o'clock p. m. set for hearing of same. In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Conner, John Conner, Administrator presented final account and Monday, March 2, set for hearing of same.

Jan. 9.—In the matter of the estate of Charles Scrivener final account presented by Perry Hyde, Executor, ordered that bondsmen and executor be discharged on filing of proper vouchers. In the matter of the Guardianship of Jas Washburn ordered that said Washburn be cited to appear on Feb. 2, at 1 p. m., and show cause, if any, why a guardian should not be appointed for him.

Jan. 10.—In the matter of the estate of H D Bodine final account allowed and Administrator and bondsmen were discharged.

Jan. 12.—In the matter of estate of Hugh Lee inventory and appraisement filed, also in estate of Elizabeth Lee. In estate H Lee sale of personal property ordered at private sale. In the matter of Guardianship of Chas W Shelton inventory and appraisement filed and approved. In matter of estate of Reuben Streithoff, John Leedy was appointed Administrator on renunciation of Rebecca Streithoff. In estate of Perry Streithoff, John Leedy appointed Administrator. Also in estate of John Streithoff.

Jan. 13.—In estate of Andrew Miller report of sale of personal property filed and approved.

Coast Failures for 1884.

The failures on the Coast during 1884 present themselves in a long and formidable list. The total number was 965, with liabilities of $9,162,700.30 and assets of $5,498,086.82, against 642 failures in 1883, with liabilities of $6,825,783.63 and assets of $3,497,738.22—showing an increase over last year of 322 failures and $2,366,919.67 in liabilities. This shows an increase of failures in one year of thirty per cent and of total liabilities by about twenty-five per cent. This certainly was not a holacaust but it was bad enough.

Of the failures in 1884 over 70 per cent of the increase occured in California, the number of failures in that State in 1884 being 138 greater than during the previous year, with an excess of liabilities of $1,734,936.97. In Oregon and Wasnington Territory the excess of liabilites aggregated $798,973. Arizona and Nevada show a gratifying decline of 23 in number of failures and $166,992.30 in liabilities as compared with 1883.

In Oregon in 1884 there were 219 failures, liabilities. 1,457,887, assets, $821,605; in 1883, 93 failures, liabilities, $954,929; assets, $495,165. In Washington Territory in 1884 there were 132 failures, liabilities, $841,634, assets, $495,018; in 1883, 50 failures; liabilities, $545,620 assets, $328,227.

The Sweet Home Case.

The celebrated Sweet Home case of the State against George Keeney, Jerry Keeny, Wm Moss and John Ivy, jr., for disturbing the peace by the shooting of pistols, etc., has been finished. It will long be remembered in the annals of Sweet Home precinct. The case was tried three times before D W Rumbaugh, J. P., and a jury, and cost in totum $248. The first two times the jury agreed to disagree, but the last time after being out an hour found the defendants guilty and they were duly sentenced each to pay a fine of $10 or serve a month in the County jail. The termination of the case is best expressed in the well worded language of the J. P.: "On Tuesday night, Dec. 30th, A. D., 1884 the said defendants being in the charge of John Donaca and not closely guarded, did on said evening about 9 o'clock p. m, step out of the said Donaca's Hotel in Sweet Home, agreeing to be back in a few moments; but the moments have been ever since, as they all four did 'vamoose' at that time to parts unknown. The Constable with several men started in pursuit, but as yet have not found the said prisoners." Since then, though, they gave themselves up to the Sheriff who, not considering himself authorized, refused to imprison them.

S. S. Officers.

The several Sabbath Schools of the city have elected officers as follows for the ensuing year.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev J W Harris, Superintendent.
H H Hewitt, Ass't Superintendent.
E L Thompson, Fin. Secretary.
F L Kenton. Secretary.
Miss Annie Althouse, Treasurer.
Kittie Althouse, Organist.
W R Blain, Artist.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.

G W Gray, Superintendent.
L E Blain, Ass't Superintendent.
C H Stewart, Secretary,
S E Young, Treasurer.
J W Blain, Librarian.
Miss Lillie Robertson, Organist.
Teachers—J C Powell, L E Blain, R M Robertson, Nancy Robertson, S S Young, Mary M Blain, Henrietta Brown, Naomi Young, Hettie Miller, Aurelia Peters, Kate McBride, Lillie Robertson, Ina Robertson, Ollie Kirkpatrick, Libbie E Irvine.

METHODIST,

Mrs Jas Elkins, Superintendent.
Mr A Roberts, Gentleman Assistant.
Miss Estella Howard, Lady Assistant.
Mary Westfall, Secretary.
R P Conn, Treasurer.
Lucy Westfall, Librarian.
T L Dugger, Chorister.
Ada Simpson, Organist.
Lulu St. John, Ass't Organist.

EVANGELICAL.

Rev J A Hollenbaugh, Superintendent.
Fred Grimmer, Ass't Superintendent.
E B Purdom, Secretary.
Mrs J A Hollenbaugh, Treasurer and Organist.
Wm Lindau, Artist.

Linn County's Share in the Organization.

In the organization of the present Legislature Linn county members were served as follows: In the House Mr Harvey Shelton was a member of the committee on Credentials. Mr Patton received 16 votes for temporary Assistant Chief Clerk. In the permanent organization Mr L H Montanye received 22 votes, the largest on that ballot for speaker. Mr Shelton assisted in conducting speaker Keady to the chair, In the Senate Jos Purdom, once of this county was elected Sergeant at Arms.

Milt A Miller was elected temporary doorkeeper; but was defeated for permanent doorkeeper. W R Bilyeu was a member of the committee on Credentials. Hon Enoch Hoult received 12 votes for President of the Senate, Mr Waldo, who was elected getting 16. W R Bilyeu was appointed a member of the committee to appoint standing committees.

Mr N J Henton has resigned as agent of Wells & Fargo Express Co. in this city, and yesterday morning Peters & Stewart took possession of the same.

Council Proceedings.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, 1885.

Present—Mayor, Recorder, Marshal and Alds, Briggs, Isom, Blackburn, Peters and Rideout. Absent—Foshay.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of considering the barbed wire case of Lanning against the city, Judge Flinn narrating the present condition of the case.

On motion the matter was laid on the table and the Attorney for the city was directed to have action on the same deferred until the next meeting.

The Committee on Fire and Water reported an arrangement proposed with Mr Crawford, proprietor of the Santiam Ditch, wherein the city was to have all water for fire and sanitary purposes and have the privilege of putting in new hydrants where needed.

The city in consideration of the above to agree to take and keep in order all the bridges on the ditch and to take and keep the hydrants, paying for those now in a certain sum per hydrant. This last part though Mr Crawford withdrew, asking the privilege to put in and keep the hydrants himself.

This last part being unsatisfactory to the Council on motion the Committee on Streets and Public Property were instructed to again visit Mr Crawford and negotiated for other arrangements.

On motion the council proceeded to the election of a nightwatch. Applications were read from J W Chamberlain, T J Whittier, Robert Brown, D H Jones, Watt Monteith, C D McCoy; for Nightwatch and Engineer, J Jones; for Engineer, A Roberts. On the first ballot J W Chamberlain received 1; Robert Brown, 2; Watt Monteith, 1; C D McCoy, 1. The ninth ballot resulted in the election of Mr Brown as follows: Brown, 3, Monteith, 2.

One ballot for Nightwatch and Engineer was taken with the following result: John Jones, 3; J W Chamberlain, 1; A Roberts, 1. Mr Jones was declared elected.

For City Treasurer in place of A C Layton, deceased, R W Fisher received 1, G W Gray, 1, S Seitenbach, 1, C W Watts, 1, Fred Mueller, 1. On the third ballot Mr Mueller was elected, receiving 4 votes, Mr Backensto, 1.

For City Attorney H H Hewitt was elected on first ballot, receiving 4 votes, J C Powell, 1.

For City Surveyor J A Warner was elected unanimously. No opposition.

Moved that the Recorder be instructed to strike out the clause in the proposed amended charter referring to the Santiam Ditch. After considerable discussion by council and outsiders the motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

Moved and carried that the Recorder be instructed to send charter, as corrected to Senator Bilyeu at Salem.

J F Backensto asked for relief for Mrs Murray from paying hack license on depot hack. Referred to committee on license. Also if bridges were to be built for one on Seventh Street across ditch. Referred to committee on streets.

Moved that Marshal be instructed to get a car load of lumber at the Springfield mill at $14 a thousand.

The Recorder was authorized to advertise for bids for gravel, cross walks and city printing.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Stites & Nutting, printing	$9.40
Hoffman & Joseph, mdse	1.85
Brink & Son, large snow shovel	6.00
I C Dickey, Marshal's fees	21.60
John Schroeer, keeping horses ready for fire 27 days and breaking streets	32.00

The following bills were presented: Wm Huston, $6.75; G W Burkhart, $6 50.

Current Events.

Who will be Senator from Oregon?

California's trade with Oregon has amounted to as high as twenty-six millions some years; but the N. P. knocked this big trade in the head, Relief is now looked for by the early completion of the O & C.

Charles E Bull, left Tehama, Cal., May 29th, 1881, sick. His mother, Mrs Gertrude Bull, of Eau Claire, Wis., is desirous of ascertaining his whereabouts.

Dancing, skating and gymnastics, is the program for Albany young people this winter.

Last Tuesday all National Banks went through the form of electing directors.

Vanderbilt offered to make a present of that $150,000 to Mrs Grant. She refused it but Grant accepted it, We hope there will be no family quarrel over it.

Portland feels bad because the Valley legislators object to everything going to the metropolis.

New Star route contracts are being let in Oregon.

Loss of stock in Eastern Oregon will not amount to 25 per cent.

Twenty-one per cent interest is paid in Mexico, but then ten per cent in a civilized country like Oregon is safer, for the lender often gives his life with his money.

11,750 acres of land are devoted in California to raising grapes for raisins.

The Dutchman has the largest and the Jap the smallest pipe.

Three saw mills on the Santiam were unable to stand the pressure of the snow.

Oregon wheat sells in Europe for 1 shilling, 3 pence per quarter more than California wheat.

The locks at Oregon City are now open. 1884 was a bad penny anyway, and it is just as well that it cannot return.

It is now ascertained that chestnuts can be raised in Oregon. Linn county farmers should come to the front in the matter.

A Virginia walnut tree was recently sold for $600 and then the purchaser made money by the bargan. Oregonians should take warning.

Prince Bismark has a salary of $13,000 a year, which is about a third of what Mackay makes in one day.

Woburn, Mass., with 10,000 population has a library containing 21,000 volumes, probably as much as all the public libraries of Oregon combined. Should we not be ashamed of ourselves.

The world waits in breathless expectation for the result of the Senatorial contest in New York and Oregon.

Oregon Pacific.

Mr William Hoag, Superintendent of the Oregon Pacific, and Hon George Waggoner, of Corvallis, were in the city Wednesday on their way to Salem. From Mr Hoag we learned that the bridges injured by the high water and snow, would probably be in a passable condition by the middle of next week, and, as well, tunnel No. 1, which caved from the outside at the west end recently, the damage to which will be repaired by a small outlay. Trains will be running as soon as those repairs are completed.

Hay and Straw.

The undersigned has a lot of hay and straw which he will sell at reasonable figures. Call on me one mile southeast of Albany.

F. G. BURKHART.

HOME AND ABROAD.

Wheat 54 cents.

F M French, jeweler.

Oregon needs a press association.

The best harness at J J Dubruilles.

Snow gone excepting a few patches.

Robinson's Circus will be in Oregon this year.

J. P. Wallace, Physician and Surgeon, Albany, Or.

A large assortment of tea can be found at Read & Brownell's.

Multnomah county takes a back seat in the present Legislature.

For a whole soled warranted boot or shoe call on Read & Brownell.

Barker has opened a sporting hall nearly opposite the DEMOCRAT office.

Ex-Marshall, I C Dickey, has opened a saloon at the old Sorbin stand.

W H Odell is post-master at Salem, but his term of office will be short.

Seattle claims that it has a population of 12,632. Claims are cheap.

Read & Brownell have some fine California honey in 2 lb cakes. Try it.

Rents in Portland are said to be fifty per cent higher than the times justify.

Boats run regularly on the Willamette, between Harrisburg and Portland.

There are fifty-two papers in Washington Territory, of which eight are dailies.

Regular meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1885. Secretary.

The awning on the west side of O. F. Hall is now safe. "Doc," Conn was the architect.

It is claimed that there has not been a business failure in Eugene for fifteen years.

Tweedale keeps a nice line of tin and copper ware, and does repairing in good shape.

It will cost the county about two thousand dollars to repair the Sanderson bridge.

The average attendance at the M E Sabbath School during 1884 was 97, the largest 148.

Comparatively a small amount of stock was lost in the Willamette Valley by the snow storm.

Dr. M. H. Ellis, physician and surgeon Albany, Oregon. Calls made in city or country.

The *Oregon State Journal*, of Eugene is 21 years old, and now deserves to be allowed to vote.

Joaquin Miller's mother, at Eugene has been abandoned by her infant husband, poor woman.

For rates in the State Insurance Company of Salem Oregon, inquire of J H Townsend Agent.

We handle among other grades of flour the Red Crown and Magnolia brands. Read & Brownell.

Lish Applegate is a member of the Third House at Salem. He has an eye on the U. S. Senate.

Hepner run out of coal oil during the blockade, the last of that on hand sold for $1 a gallon.

A writing school under Mr J F Stabblefield is being held nightly at the Central School House.

Many of the residents of Yamhill county are anxious to have the county seat of that county changed.

If any one deserves being crowned poet laureat it is the chap who wrote "The Beautiful Snow."

The infant son of Mr Garrett, at Peoria, has been named Cleveland in honor of the President-elect.

The last County Court was a curtailing Court, most of the bills presented getting a decreasing benefit.

An old lady named Vaughn, aged 65 years, saw a train of cars for the first time the other day in W. T.

The vote in the State Legislature for United States Senator will not be taken until Tuesday, Jan 27.

Mr Alvin Carothers has entered the dental office of Dr Awbrey as a student of the pulling and filling art.

Skating rink open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights for all, and Saturday afternoons for ladies.

If the population of Oregon was estimated from the claims of different cities it would amount to half a million.

The foot bridge over the Ditch on the north side of Third street was swept away recently by high water.

You can get groceries at Hoffman & Joseph's at reduced prices. Do not fail to call on them for bargains.

The dreaded Chinese New Years is only about four weeks hence. An afflicted public will hear this with sadness.

Parties desiring girls to work for them can easily get them as there are quite a number in Albany who wish positions.

The New Albany Band, R A Hohman leader, furnished some excellent music Tuesday evening for the All Star entertainment.

Services next Sunday evening at the M E and U P Churches. The agent of the Bible Society is expected to speak at both churches.

The blacksmith shop occupied by Ben Johnson, which collapsed during the recent storm has been put in better condition than formerly.

The Jacksonville *Times* entered its fifteenth year Jan. 1st. It is a live, successful paper and deserves the large patronage it has obtained.

The *West Shore* for January is on our table. It illustrates Pendleton, Union and the snow bound trains. The number is a good one.

Dr D S Baker, a well known capitalist, of Walla Walla, was stricken with paralysis of the right side on last Friday. This was the second stroke.

At an Ashland mask ball recently Mrs L Martin, formerly of Albany, was awarded the prize for the handsomest lady costume. She represented "night."

G W Gray, D. D. S., in consequence of the hard times, will reduce the price of dentistry all he can consistently, with the use of the best materials and skillful work.

The report that a certain young business man of Albany was married last Sunday to a Benton county young lady were assured was not true. The report was premature.

"Forty days in the Wilderness" is now being enacted at Salem. Sol Hirsch, J H Mitchell, Geo H Williams, J F Caples and R P Boise are the principle ballet dancers.

The wheat market is said to be looking up. What we want here is for it to do something besides look. We would like to see a little "get up and get" mixed with it.

A desperate fight occurred on the Willamette at Portland last Tuesday between the crews of two British vessels. Both crews were well pounded up when the contest was finished.

The celebrated Dr Carver at Hartford is attempting to hit 60,000 wooden balls in six days. In two days and fifty minutes he had hit 21,339 balls. It is doubtful if he succeeds.

Appearances play a wonderfully prominent part in life. Dried fruit neatly packed in boxes sent East sell for nearly twice as much as like fruit sent in gunny sacks. Remember this.

A society called the Mutual Improvement Society has been organized in this city, with M J Monteith as President. Our citizens may soon expect to be treated to several first-class dramas.

An all Star troup performed in Crawford's Opera House Tuesday night to about twenty-five people. Bills followed them from other cities faster than the receipts came in. It was a "snide" affair.

Our aim is to please all, Try us and we believe you will not regret it. Our goods are all first-class, and as our expenses are light we can sell at at a very small advance above cost. Read & Brownell.

There is rarely an evil without a blessing attending it. A Colfax paper congratulated its readers on the fact that the blockade prevented the receipt of duns from Portland and San Francisco.

Rain and warm weather the last part of last week made the snow take wing and vanish. Since then the weather vane has vascillated between the north and south producing nothing in particular.

Oregon City had a $10,000 fire on Saturday last. The buildings burned were the *Enterprise* office, H E Cross' law office, E D Kelly's dwelling and store, Dr Morris' office and A W Howard's furniture store.

F P Hogan, of Douglas county, was assaulted at the State Penitentiary last Sunday by a prisoner whom he had captured some time ago. A blow on the head with a bottle of water was the only injury.

The Albany City Band has just been duly incorporated with O C Aubrey as President, William Henderson as Secretary, and G I Foster as Treasurer. It is an excellent institution deserving of a good support.

Anecdotes of the enduring power of cattle in Eastern Oregon during the storm are now common. The biggest is that several cows took shelter under a juniper tree, where they remained twenty-one days without food, coming out all right but gaunt and hungry.

Any information leading to the recovery of one or two roof ladders stolen from the truck of Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. of this city, during the recent severe storm, will be gratefully received by the foreman of said company.

Hoffman & Joseph are fixing up Mr Joseph's building nearly opposite to their present store, preparatory to moving their soda works and stock of goods into it. They propose to make it one of the neatest stores in Albany. It already has the advantage of a splendid location.

One day last week, we are informed by parties from Corvallis, one of the ends of tunnel No. 1, on the O P gave way, filling the opening and blocading the road generally. The damage will be repaired as soon as possible.

Hoffman & Joseph have just constructed building on the alley near the Post-office. It is not, as some may have conjectured, a new school house; although it is a new cool house, and already holds a great many tons of Calipooia ice. Remember this next summer.

Illinois has a genuine female Shylock who demands "her bond," She made an election bet, the loser to wheel the winner around the public square. Mrs Shylock lost and now she consents to wheel *him*, but not his clothes with him. That was not in the bond.

Things are generally worse in anticipation than in fact, the truth of which is well illustrated by the reports of damage done to stock in Eastern Oregon before we knew anything about it. The result is that not nearly so much injury was done as expected was done.

The charter meeting called for last Friday night was not held, cause non-attendance. The Court House was not even lighted. Albany needs to pattern after Portland, which has been nothing else but charter for the last few weeks.

Last Saturday County Treasurer Farwell sent by express $8,000 to the State Treasurer at Salem, the first sent from this county. The deep snow made tax-collecting slow, in one precinct the Sheriff only getting two or three dollars on his advertised day for collecting taxes there.

E T T Fisher, County Surveyor of Linn county, is prepared with field notes and township plats of this county to correctly locate corners of land where the same has been lost or destroyed, and will replace the same with permanent monuments. Persons wishing surveying done will please address me at Miller's, Linn county, Oregon.

In the McKenzie river last week while logging, several men, among whom was Charles Davis, were tipped from a boat into the river. Davis in attempting to swim to shore took a cramp and was drowned. His companions reached the shore in safety.

Robinson & West have in the Calipooia between Brownsville and this city about 2,500,000 feet of logs, which are expected to arrive here before the week is ended. They have been greatly favored this year in the quantity of water. 1885 will see the Albany Saw Mill running at "full blast." Parties desiring lumber should take notice before hand.

An idea of the damage done around Hepner by the snow may be gained from a list of the losses of sheep in that section, the following being a part of them: Thomas Lane 1500 head on Thirty Mile creek. Mike Kenny of Lena, had 300 head smothered. John Woodward of Dry Fork lost 225 head. S M Groff of Butte Creek, lost over 300 head out of 2400. George Snider of the same place, lost over 700 out of a band of 2000. Preston Crosswell of Hinton Creek, lost over 665 head.

A small amount of excitement was occasioned in this city a few moments last Wednesday afternoon by the report that a young man had been arrested for forging an order on a prominent butcher and getting money on the same. Investigation proved it true As the order was for only eight dollars the matter was settled, when the forgery was discovered, in double quick time, and the young man for some time a resident of the county was allowed to go in peace, certainly a very lucky escape for him in a case where the penalty is so great.

The Salem *Statesman* states that the surveys of the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company, for the line across the Cascade mountains to connect with the Oregon Short Line, have just been completed and the maps forwarded to the company's office in New York City, The Oregon Pacifice will connect with the Oregon Short Line at a point fifty miles east of Huntington, and at no place will the grade exceed 110 feet to the mile. The distance from Yakima City to this junction will be 201 miles, Which pass the line will take is not stated, but probably the Lebanon.

We have often heard of railroads where the cars went so slow that a dog tied to the end car with a long string would be found dragging the train along at the end of the journey; but not until the other day were we familiar with a reliable case. During the partial blockade on the O & C., Deputy Sheriff Smith went to Miller's to collect County taxes. When he left the depot here his dog was on the depot steps, where he supposed he would remain, but on arriving at Miller's there was the dog, he having made as good time as the train, on foot. On coming home he performed the same feat, owing though more to the snail like motions of the train than the dogs extraordinary speed.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dutch May has returned to Albany.

J W Blain, is now located at Sainlas, Cal.

L W Dayoe went to Portland Monday on business.

C C Cherry has been in Southern Oregon on business.

G A Miller, of Scio, was in the city Monday on business.

Mr A C Currie, of Shedds, went to Portland Monday noon.

Mr Robert Glass, of Crawfordsville, paid Albany a short visit.

Mr Peter Callahan, of Corvallis spent last Friday and Saturday in Albany.

Dr J T Tate returned last week to Portland after a visit here of several weeks.

Marshal Pygall, of Corvallis, let his sagacious countenance light our streets up Monday.

Andrew Piatt, of Scio, was in the city Wednesday, coming here by the way of Jefferson

Mr F Healy, of Sodaville, one of the DEMOCRAT'S oldest subscribers, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr Sam May, our popular agent at Harrisburg, was in the city Monday, on his way to Portland.

Messrs. Weatherford, Bilyeu and Watts left Albany Saturday for the State Legislature at Salem.

W R Garrett, of Peoria, made the DEMOCRAT office a pleasant as well as profitable call last Friday.

Mr Jas Garret, of Peoria, made the DEMOCRAT office his annual call last Wednesday, a practice deserving of emulation.

L Campeau, the active barber, has been in Brownsville this week, during his absence Henry Backensto wielding the razor.

Alf Holman, is back from San Francisco, and will represent the *Oregonian* at Salem, during the meeting of the legislature.

Mr J J Davis, of Jefferson, one of the DEMOCRAT'S standbys, was in Albany Monday, when he did not fail to put in a welcome appearance at the DEMOCRAT office.

Mr H W McElmurry and brother, who have been at Independence lately, called on us last Wednesday while in the city on their way to Sodaville, where they intend residing.

Rev I H Condit preached his farewell sermon in this city on last Sabbath, and next week, with his estimable wife, will leave for their old home in New Jersey, taking with them the best wishes and good will of a large community.

Mr L Senders arrived direct from Prineville last Monday. He has since been in constant demand for information in reference to that place, many Linn county people having interests there, Being a close observer he is posted on every point.

he State Insurance Company of Oregon

1. Is a Home Company organized and controlled by prominent and well known business men of the Northwest, from home capital.

2. The money paid to this company is retained in the Northwest. It pays taxes here and assists in developing and building up the various industries of the Northwest.

3. It is the only company in Oregon, which is limited by its charter to the insurance of farm property, private dwellings and their contents, school houses and churches.

4. Consequently it cannot be burned out as it is not exposed to losses from sweeping fires. It insures no mercantile or business risks, but affords a safe and reliable insurance to farmers and owners of private dwellings.

5. The fires that destroy two cities, ruining over a hundred insurance companies, rendering worthless thousands of policies, demonstrate the necessity of farmers and others insuring in just such a company, free from all kinds of business risks.

Death of Mrs. E. N. Beach.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs E N Beach, daughter of Mrs Dr Miller, of this city, at Colfax, W. T. on Wednesday night, after an illness of only a few days. Her remains will be brought to this city and interred in the Albany cemetery. A pure, noble woman, the deceased leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Centenary Services.

Having been prevented from holding our centennial services in the M E Church at this place on account of the storm, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sabbath, the 23, 24 and 25 of this month, has been arranged as the time for holding such services in Albany. Rev S P Wilson, of East Portland, and others are expected to be present and deliver addresses. The people of the city and surrounding country are requested to attend. A program will be published next week.

M. JUDY.

Went to Pieces.

The All Star variety troup went to pieces in this city last Wednesday, not having enough money to get out of the city. We understand they are from a Portland or East Portland variety theater. In Oregon City they had an audience of one; in Salem of a few more, and here as much as at the other two places together, at least 25, just about enough to pay the city license, which they did with reluctance, to say nothing of hall rent, hotel bills, drayage, etc. Albany needs few such troups to advance its interests.

Bible Society.

The anniversary of the Bible Society of Linn county will be held Sabbath evening, January 18th at the M. E. Church and U. P. Church in this city at 7 o'clock, p. m. Addresses will be delivered by Rev P C Hetzler, Prof Condit, Rev Harris, Rev Hollenbaugh and others.

ALBANY, Oregon, Dec. 30th, 1884.

My home which was destroyed by fire on Dec. 18th was insured in the State Insurance Company of Salem, Oregon, which has already settled and paid the full amount of my claim. Any one insured in our home Company the State, can rest assured of honorable treatment in case of loss.

Signed, HENRY WAGSON.

MARRIED.

CARTER—COUEY.—At the home of the bride's father, J. B. Couey, Dec. 11, 1884, by Rev. A. M. Acheson, MR. L. B. CARTER, of Friday Harbor, W. T., and MISS MARY A. COUEY, of Oakville, Oregon.

[The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations.]

BORN.

ALEXANDER.—To the wife of Dr W F Alexander, last week—a son.

COUNTY COURT—JANUARY TERM.

(J. J. Whitney, Judge; A Condra, and David Meyers, Commissioners.

Bills of J L Hatcher, $69 for gravel, continued until April term.

Application of A J Shelton, et al., for County road overruled. Peter Bilyeu appointed in place of Jas Peery to assess damages.

Fees in State agt F and C Spake allowed as corrected.

Fees on inquest of N Solomon allowed.

Bill of C H Stewart for Clerk's fees continued.

Ordered that no further bills be allowed for tobacco for county poor.

Report of H Farwell, agent for school fund, approved.

Application of Geo Finley for scholarship to State University continued until next term, and ordered that notice be given of vacancy.

Bill of A Drury, $24, continued, also bill of Crawford & Fuller, $11.70, also bill of John Briggs.

Bill of J S Caine, $33,75, for ferriage, disallowed, also bill of A Farwell for gravel.

Application of B Winter Morris for reduction of taxes rejected.

Jury list for 1885 was drawn.

Matter of contract for keeping poor continued.

Fees of petit jurors for January term allowed.

Application for bridge across Santiam at Mehama continued one month, also application for idge across Santiam at R R Humphrey's saw mill, also for bridge across the Santiam at Waterloo.

Bills of A A Roberts and Robert Brown continued, also bill of H D Burkhart for gravel.

Fees in State agt Ralston allowed as corrected.

Ordered that John Hutchins be taken to John Donaca's, and he be allowed $2.75 per week for keeping him after Jan 9th.

Application of Preston Munkers for reduction of taxes rejected.

In the matter of the application of P T Brock et al for location of county road J P Smith, A S Bassett and Joa Lame were appointed viewers.

J H Lame authorized to repair bridge on road from Halsey to Brownsville immediately.

Matter of fees in case of State agt Geo Keeny and others continued.

Ordered that D Meyer let contract and superintend repairing of Lebanon bridge immediately.

Salaries and fees of County officers allowed.

State taxes for year 1885 ordered paid.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Jos Moist, gravel	$ 6.00
Geo Humphrey, canvassing election	3.00
W J Stewart, canvassing election	7.10
Stites & Nutting, printing	4.00
Peters & Stewart, nails and shovels	7.00
F C Olmstead, labor	2.75
A B McIlwain, for Co poor	11.00
A Wheeler, lumber	12.00
Gilbert Bros & Wm Cosper	7.34
G G Burkhart	6.50
Jos Nixon cleaning Santiam bridge	11.00
D H Mathorn, labor on Lebanon bridge	78.53
A T Arnell, work on Court House	3.50
Robinson & West, lumber	12.80
H Farwell, money furnished pauper	7.10
J J Dorris, material for breakwater	4.50
J F Hill, as school examiner	5.00
T J Stites, as school examiner	5.00
C W Watts, printing	14.50
Train & Whitney, printing	3.00
Geo Young, work on Court House	24.25
E W Whipple & Bro., lumber	10.25
Mrs C Houck, boarding poor	12.25
Johnson & Ashby, spikes	5.00
C L Morris, keeping poor	102.03
Mrs Murry, relief of John Doe	18.00
M G Moss, keeping pauper	13.75
L Douglas, for Munson family	12.40
Graff & Frem, coffin	25.00
C G Burkhart, Constable fees	2.95
J L Hill, services for poor	2.00
C Meyer, shoveling snow	4.00
S W Gains, cleaning Crabtree bridge	15.30
R Cheadle, nails and lumber	.45
Jos Nixon, services for Dunham	5.00
I C Dickey, Constable fees	4.05

The reports and bills of the following road supervisors of Districts mentioned were allowed:

District,	Claimed,	Allowed.
11, D H Mothorn	$11	$38 00
14, F M Westfall	$96	91.00
37, I N Warmoth	$18	16.00
41, Wm Rumbaugh	$31	16.00
3, F S Thayer		18.00
5, John Smallman		42.00
33, Jos H Lame		8.00
28, D H Harris	$20	16.00
21, A Umphrey		24.00
15, P Schlosser		60.00
49, A Butts	$46	40.00
17, H Freeksen	$36	26.00
38, J W Tycer		—
12, C Buchner		22.00
51, M Riland	$20	16.00
13, J S Froman		19.00
24, J A McBride	$30	20.30
8, A Crabtree		—
31, A W Stanard		—
42, H Bishop	$11	8.00
46, G W Riggs		9.00
30, G F Sylvester		10.00
45, J K Jones	$16	14.00
48, F M Miller		—
34, John Cummings		3.65
19, Wm Baltimore		26.00
27, F P Flowers	$48	6.00
47, W T Jordan		12.00
16, D Turner	$30	28.00
44, E Uppinger		18.00
6, A T Powell		41.90
39, J N Rice		11.00

The following road supervisors were appointed:

District No. 3, P P Crabtree.
5, R Pentland.
6, N G McDonald.
8, Andrew Crabtree.
11, D Motthorn.
12, J A Zimmerman.
13, J S Froman.
14, F M Westfall.
15, P Schlosser.
16, Marks Hulbert.
17, H Freeksen.
19, John B Baltimore.
20, John Bland.
21, Moses Parker.
24, Jas Garrett.
27, John Nichols.
28, O Dustin.
29, Thos Philpot.
30, G F Sylvester.
31, A W Stanard.
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