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DEPARTURE OF TRAINS. ALBANY EXPRESS, FREIGHT TRAINS, MAIL TRAINS.

Assumed Local Importance. Sunday morning it was reported that the city of London was blown up by dynamite...

Church Attendance. 'X,' in the DEMOCRAT last week, opened the eyes of many...

A Good Joke. It is impossible for a newspaper to keep a good joke, and certainly is against nature...

The organization of the Universalist Sabbath school was effected last Sunday by the election of the following officers:

A Had Result. A few weeks since we published an extended account of the terrible experience of Joe A. Church...

Why There. The object of the presence of members of the Third House at Salem can generally be ascertained by their residence...

An Experienced Letter. An exchange says: 'Mr C B Fouts, of Pemeyro, mailed a letter October 20, 1883, addressed to business firm in Portland, Oregon.'

At His Old Tricks. Ed Broyles, who only retired from a residence in the penitentiary a short time ago on account of stealing a horse...

Ladies' Aid Society. The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the residence of Mrs John Althouse on Thursday, Feb. 5th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The ladies of the Universalist Parish of this place, will give a basket social at Crawford's Hall, this evening...

The Mortgage Tax-Law Case.

In the case of Linn county against John A. Crawford the Supreme Court sustained the decision of Judge Boies...

The Legislature, he says has full power to determine what property shall be subject to taxation, and what shall be exempt...

The young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. will give a Pink Tea party at the W. C. T. U. Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, at 7:30 p. m.

A Chinaman, on account of the muddy streets, was saying 'good' for the day...

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Report of Chief Engineer.

The annual report of Chief Engineer J. N. Hoffman, for the year 1884, shows first the condition of the water supply...

The Ashland Woolen Mills are idle, with little prospect of running for some time...

In last December a vote was taken by the School Superintendent of Oregon to decide what school books should be used...

Wheat, 54 cents. F. M. French, jeweler. Begin writing your valentines. The best harness at J. J. Dubrill's...

The following from a New York paper costs said all fear of competition in the wheat trade by India...

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Appropriations by the State Legislature.

\$3 worth of stamps for reporters of newspapers, is a proceeding decidedly of the 'small potato' order...

While Oregonians growled because they had to meet the Atlantic States they did not have enough...

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

Present—Mayor, Recorder, Marshal and all Councilmen. In the case of the city aged Lanning it was ordered that the City Attorney take no further action...

The following bills were ordered paid: Cherry and Parkes, work on steamer, \$10.50; W. M. Austin, \$6.75; J. W. Whitaker, cleaning stables, \$14; G. W. Burkhart, \$6.50...

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Current Events.

Terrific destruction to life has been caused lately by avalanches on the Alps. Sullivan, at the best but a poor miser...

The price of wheat in England is lower than it has been during the last 194 years. Wheat sold for 57 cents in Independence last week...

The claim of Oregon to 44,000 acres of swamp land has been rejected by the Secretary of the Interior...

The power of young men in politics, when they choose to unite their forces was strikingly illustrated at Forest Grove in a recent city election...

From the report of the Secretary of State just out, we glean the following facts: The total value of taxable property in 1884 was \$75,306,953, an increase of over \$11,000,000 over 1882-3. The tax was \$441,145.19 for 1883 & 4.

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PLAIN TALK.

A bill providing that all members of the State Legislature who traveled on passes to the Capitol should not be allowed to travel on their own...

The usual order of things was reversed the other day in Washington Territory. The Chinese boys, with out protection, attacked an innocent white urchin and beat him severely...

It seems to have become necessary for Oregon editors in order to make both ends meet to utilize several kinds of business. The editor of the Oregon City Enterprise...

The manliest story yet reported is that coming from Dayton, W. T., where it claimed a school teacher received an excuse from a mother, which read: 'Please excuse Johnny, as he had to remain home and attend the baby which I attended to jury duty.'

Mr. Bridge will deliver a lecture on Odd Fellowship at Odd Fellow's Hall in Odd Fellows Temple in this city on Monday Evening Feb. 2nd at 7 o'clock p. m.

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A Wide Spread Reputation. Few establishments in Oregon have obtained such a wide reputation as the foundry and machine shops of Cherry & Parkes. Order comes to them from all over the State...