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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Watts was in the city over Sabbath.

Mrs. Al. Church, of Portland, has been visiting with her parents in this city.

Mr. C D McCoy and family left for Salem yesterday. They intend residing there.

Dr J B Lee, Corvallis' most prominent physician, was in the city last Friday. The DEMOCRAT acknowledges a call.

Dr J F Hendricks, proprietor of the Copia House, at Harrisburg, was in the city Monday. The DEMOCRAT acknowledges a call.

Capt Charles F Powell and wife are at present in the East, the last heard from at Chicago. They will soon return to Portland.

Mr Jay W Blain, wife and daughter returned from California on last Friday, where they have been several months. Mr Blain is greatly improved in health; but prefers Oregon as a place of residence.

Mr Lonner Ralston came to Albany last week being called here on account of the serious illness of his mother. As she was much improved Monday he returned to the ranch near Alkali. He reported snow about five feet deep at The Dalles when he left there.

District Attorney Geo. E. Chamberlain, wife and children arrived home from Mississipi on Thursday of last week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain's sister, Miss Lucy S. Welch, a highly accomplished young lady, who will probably remain in Albany during the coming summer.

Council Proceedings.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 10th, 1885.

Present—Mayor, Marshal, Recorder and all members.

Following bills were ordered paid: N J Henton, $45.60; F Mueller, $10.30; L S Gordon, $61.60; J M McDonald, $2.19; G W Burkhart, $21.66.

Annual reports of Treasurer, Marshal and Recorder were reported correct.

The Committee on Fire and Water reported in reference to the recommendations of the Chief Engineer that they would suggest for the consideration of the Common Council; the repairing of the bell tower in the near future and the purchase for the department of a "shut off" nozzle.

Ordinance 131, providing for the granting of licenses at any time, but for the full period of six months, was introduced, read twice and continued until the next meeting.

Committee on Streets recommended that catch basins on Broadalbin street sewer above First street, be lowered, that boom in Ditch on east line of Broadalbin street, at junction of Ninth, be removed; that bridge on Canal and Ferry street be repaired. The committee were instructed to ascertain best plan for lowering catch basins and probable cost, also with Marshal to remove the boom mentioned and to have the bridge referred to repaired.

A motion to declare certain hogs nuisances was lost by one vote.

On motion salary of nightwatch was fixed at $60 per month,; nightwatch and engineer at $70 per month.

The following bills were allowed: Freight on lumber, $16; Fred Lumberg, work, $2; Joe McDonald, $13.25.

The following bills were referred: C W Watts, printing, $2.50; John Stewartson, hauling, $7.25; N J Henton, $8.60; G W Burkhart, $21.25; costs city agt Frisco, $16 90; Wolf, $12.85; Moran, $5.45.

Literary Entertainment.

Following is the program for the entertainment to be held at the M E Church this (Friday) evening, Feb. 13th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Quartett, "The Silvery Sea,"—Mrs Burkhart, Miss St. John, Mr Flindt and Mr Judy.
Reading—Lilly Rideout.
Solo—Mrs Burkhart.
Recitation—Emma Jones.
Solo—Miss Courser.
Recitation—Annie Chiswell.
Song Trio—Hammer, Hammer and Wallace.
Essay—Fred P Nutting.
Duett—Misses Huston and Mansfield.
Quartett—"Bad Cold"—Misses Wheeler and St. John and Mr Conn and Wallace.
Reading—Miss Foster.
Song—"We'll have to Mortgage the Farm"—By the family.
Recitation—Miss Knox.
Solo—Miss Courser.
Reading—Miss Kirkpatrick.
Duett—Misses Stites and Rader.
Reading—Miss Howard.
Song—Miss Flint.
Reading—Mr Wallace.
Solo—Miss Wheeler.
Duett—Miss Courser and Mr Wallace.
Recitation—Miss Ketchum.
Trio—Hammer, Hammer and Wallace

The above is an almost entirely new program and not a repetition of the old one Admission 10 cents. A real treat is promised the public.

Band Incorporated.

The Albany Mechanics band has been reorganized with the following members:

R A Hohman, E flat Cornet, Leader.
Wm H Miller, Solo B flat.
H S Richards, 1st B flat.
I F Conn, 1st E flat Alto.
R E Conn, 2nd E flat Alto.
Oscar Marshall, B flat Tenor.
Wm Richards, Solo Baritone.
R Rodgers, E flat Tenor.
Watt Monteith, Snare drum.
James Murry, Bass drum.

They are now prepared to furnish music for all occasions, both brass and string. Their orchestra is composed of:

H S Richards, 1st Violin, leader and manager.
W H Miller, 2nd Violin.
R A Hohman, Cornet.
Wm Richards, Clarionet.
I F Conn, Trombone.
R Rodgers, Bass.
R E Conn, Piano.

Following are the officers: R A Hohman, President; W H Miller, Secretary; I F Conn, Treasurer.

An Inexperienced Boy.

"Say, Pa," said a little boy on First Street the other day to his father, what is that little bundle of switches for that that man is carrying on his big wagon?"

"My foolish little boy," said the father, "that is not a bundle of switches, it is a cord of wood the honest man has sold and is taking to some poor customer."

Lecture.

Professor Lyman, of Forest Grove will lecture at W C T U Hall in this city Friday evening, Feb. 20th. Subject of lecture, "The Conflict of Forces." Admission free.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Among the loggers of Robinson & West was Tom McNary, a native of Maine, and for eight years a resident of Oregon. When the drive reached Albany McNary, with others, got on a glorious spree, imbibing so much that the result was a series of "jim jams," in other words, delerium tremens. Several days ago he left with several other loggers and went to Portland, with about $50 in his possession. Last Monday he returned as far as Jefferson when he jumped from the cars, he has since said for the purpose of killing himself. He evidently failed, for Tuesday morning he boarded a hand-car and came to this city, putting up at the Exchange Hotel, where on account of his drunken condition, Tuesday night he was placed in one of the small bed rooms in the rear of the hotel. Wednesday morning between four and five o'clock a big disturbance was heard in his locality. Nightwatches Brown and Jones were sent for. Just as they reached the hotel McNary put in an appearance and started down through the street towards No. 1's Engine House, near which he was caught, when for the first time it was discovered that he had cut his throat, and was covered with blood. He was bareheaded, in his stocking feet, and presented a shocking spectacle. He was taken back to the hotel, and Dr. Wallace was called. It was found that he had made several stabs at his throat, and had succeeded in cutting the wind pipe partly in two. Dr. Wallace sewed up the wounds, but his recovery is very doubtful, his pulse at one time going down to twenty. A visit to his room showed how the deed had been done. The floor near the head of the bed was covered with a large pool of clotted blood, while the sheet and pillow were red with it in spatters, showing that McNary had cut his throat with a dull jack knife, which was found on the floor, and then leaned over the edge of the bed and let the blood flow off the edge of it to the floor below. It was a sickening sight. Getting tired of such an operation McNary, a strong, powerful man, evidently jumped up and rushed out, as already narrated.

The report of the affair, naturally enough caused a little excitement on the streets for a few hours. McNary was very well known here, having worked in one of the livery stables at one time and been in the city at different times during the last few years.

Lectures.

On Sunday evening last Mrs. M. A. Bridge lectured at the M. E. Church, the subject being "Social Breakers," devoted to the subject of temperance. The Church was crowded to overflowing, every nook and corner being occupied with some one sitting or standing, while a large number of people were compelled to go away without being able to gain admittance. This large audience, gathered together at a time when services were being held in the churches of the city, was a flattering testimonial to the reputation as a lecturer which Mrs. Bridge had established in the two lectures spoken of in the last issue of the DEMOCRAT. Her treatment of the subject was scientific, moral and practical and was certainly the best and most interesting lecture on the subject ever delivered in the city. On Tuesday evening the lady delivered her lecture entitled "Florida," at the Court House to a very large and appreciative audience. The lecture was devoted to a description of Florida where the lady lived a number of years. The lecture is interspersed with bits of humor and fun of the most entertaining character As a lecturer Mrs. Bridge is a success.

Requested to Lecture.

ALBANY, February 11th, 1885.

Rev. J. C. Wyckoff.

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned citizens of Albany, desirous of seeing a greater interest awakened in scientific studies, respectfully request that if it will not interfere with your other duties, you will deliver one or more lectures on Geology in this city, at such time and place as may suit your convenience:

J L Hill,	Jno Foshay,
D P Mason,	W R Blain,
T J Overman,	Al H Ewert,
H Ewert,	Geo W Gray,
Geo I Foster,	Jas J Charlton,
O H Irvine,	T J Stites,
J P Wallace,	F M French,
H F Merrill,	Martin Judy,
L Flinn,	J C Powell,
J R Whitney,	S S Train,
J F Hill,	F P Nutting.

ALBANY, Feb. 12, 1885.

Messrs J L Hill, John Foshay, W. R. Blain, and others.

GENTLEMEN:—Your communication of 11th inst is before me. In acknowledging the honor please allow me to say that I heartily sympathize with the sentiments therein expressed and shall consider myself only too happy if I may be able in any way, to forward your desires. I would name the last week of February as most convenient for me, its exact date subject to further notice.

With great respect, very truly yours.
J. C. WYCKOFF.

A Young Man Said to be in It.

The Salem "Statesman" gives the following account of an attempted suicide in that city last Saturday: "Miss Mary Thomas, a young lady who has been working in the family of Governor Moody for the past six months, attempted suicide Saturday evening by taking a dose of carbolic acid. Physicians were promptly summoned, and antidotes immediately administered, and though for a time her life was despaired of, at a late hour last night her attendants pronounced her much improved, with strong hopes of her recovery. This rash act was doubtless prompted by depressing news received by her in a letter by yesterday's mail. The Governor and his family did all in their power to allay the young lady's suffering."

Smoking.

A very general complaint prevails among people who have to wait for their mail at the postoffice about the inconvenience to which they are subjected in consequence of parties smoking while waiting there for the mail. Some times the office is filled with the smoke and perfume from a dozen cigaretts going at once. We are sorry to say that the complaint is mostly against young men. Ladies hardly dare enter the postoffice at times in consequence of this unmanly and inexcusable habit. Young men, you have no right to do this. Some people say it is very bad manners to do so. Let this nuisance be abated.

Samuel E. Young.

Carries the largest assorted stock of boy's, youth's, ladies,' misses' and childrens' shoes and slippers in Albany. These goods are bought direct from the manufacturers for cash, and every pair is warranted, and no foolishness. He is constantly adding new novelties in shoes and slippers.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

On last Friday evening, about four miles west of Shedd, near Oakville, one of the most shocking accidents it is ever the lot of the newspaper to chronicle, occurred to a young man of that community. After school had closed, Herman Walker, a school boy aged sixteen, a son of M W Walker, went to his home, got a double barreled muzzle loading shot gun and started on a hunt for ducks. When about a mile from home and a half mile from the farm of M Acheson, he succeeded in killing a duck at the first shot. After picking the duck up he set his gun down and began loading the empty barrel. Whether by the concussion or by himself, he did not know, the hammer to the loaded barrel was cocked. He had poured in the powder and was ramming a wad on top of it when the other barrel was discharged, just how he could not afterwards tell. All of the contents struck him full on the chin, ranging towards the right eye and ear. All of the right side of the inferior maxillary bone, (lower jaw) all of the teeth from the right side of the superior maxillary bone, (upper jaw) and most of the right side of the nose and the bones, all of the cheek, part of his tongue, and the right eye, were carried away or mutilated by the terrible discharge. As strange as it may seem the shock was so great that no pain was caused at all. Picking up his gun, young Walker went to the house of Mr Acheson, where he placed his gun under the stoop and entered the door. Covered with powder, horribly mutilated. Although known to everybody in the community, he was not at first recognized; but his school teacher, being present, soon knew which one of her pupils it was. His parents were sent for, and the meeting of him and his mother was said to be one of the most affecting kind. At the same time parties started for Dr Maston, of this city and Dr Gaff, of Shedd, both of whom were soon at the place. The wound was dressed as well as possible the next morning, though the operation was a difficult one. Not being able to talk on account of the loss of part of his tongue, young Walker gave an account of the accident, as stated above, by the use of the deaf and dumb alphabet, which he, as well as most of the community, had learned on account of one of the citizens there being deaf.

The report of the accident was a terrible shock to the whole neighborhood, not only on account of its nature, but as well on account of the high esteem in which young Walker was held. He was an uncommonly bright, well-behaved boy whom all the members of the community liked and respected. The last report was that he probably would not live.

While it is a fact that accidents from the careless use of fire arms are too common, moralizing at such a time might be considered out of place and so we leave it until another time.

Current Events.

There are 19,000 good templars in California.

Schuyler Colfax left $550,000 and some relatives.

There are 51 farmers in the Michigan Legislature. Let the Railroads look out.

Three hundred lives in all were lost on the Alps from the recent snow fall.

A Cable line between this coast and Asia is proposed, and perhaps will be built.

Drain Station will have a State Normal School. It will probably mean something in time.

Up to Saturday Governor Moody had signed eight bills, and he was still in good physical condition.

Wheat is carried from Chicago to New York, a distance of about 1000 miles, for 12½ cents a mile. Oregon R R's should put on their wheat cap and ponder.

100 men in New York the other day paid $10 a piece to see several rooster's fight. $3000 changed hands on the result. It is difficult to say which were the greatest roosters.

If all the property in the United States were divided, debts paid, etc., each individual would have about $880, and as a share of the annual products receive $170. Now stop growling, if you have anything at all.

Under Senate bill 135, the Agricultural College at Corvallis is taken out of the hands of the M E Church South and placed under the control of the State Board of Regents. Correct, State should not support sectarian colleges.

William J Cliffs, a blacksmith at Stockton, Maryland, aged 45, has just fallen heir to an earldom in England and a $2,000,000 estate. Poor, unfortunate man. The two million does very well, but that earldom is the stickler.

A Correspondent Taken to Task.

The DEMOCRAT does not pretend to keep track of the right and wrong of its correspondents. Last week our Oak Creek correspondent stated that a worthy citizen of that community had put up a wood shed after a residence there of a quarter of a century, certainly a most commendable act; also gave a short account of a whipping by the school teacher, complaint by parent and sustaining of the act of the teacher by the directors. The first of the week we received a communication headed, "Plain Talk from an Oak Creek Chap," touching on the subjects mentioned. Knowing nothing about the matter at all, but always desirous of giving all sides of questions arising, we give the substance of the communication:—First, the wood shed mentioned was the second one the worthy citizen had built; that our correspondent, (as to whose identity he was entirely mistaken,) has a woodshed, but is too lazy to put his wood in it. Second—the boy whipped is not an angel (like girls,) but that was no reason why he should be stuck with a pin and beaten. The boy was stuck on Monday, he was complaining of his side being sore and his arm lame Wednesday, when correspondent saw his arm and there were fifteen or twenty pin wounds plain to be seen. The boy's father agreed not to prosecute if not repeated. Afterwards one day the teacher caught the boy throwing mud balls at the girls in school time, something the correspondent says all the boys claim they do. Then the teacher whipped him, correspondent says, till he was black and blue. The directors were called and two of them sustained the teacher. Now this is two sides, and we hope the matter will drop here.

Baptist Meeting.

Special services are being held each night at the Baptist Church. These services are growing in interest. The Pastor expects Rev M Rugg, pastor of the Baptist Church, of Salem, to help him in the meetings next week.

Spring Stock.

I am now receiving my Spring stock of dry goods in staple and fancy, and will soon have my stock complete with all the novelties of the season, in dress goods, fancy goods, etc.

SAMUEL E. YOUNG.

HOME AND ABROAD.

F M French, jeweler.

Salem is to have a tannery.

Halsey's charter has been amended.

The best harness at J J Dubruilles.

For Sale—Baled hay, by J H Townsend.

Ashland has already organized a base ball club.

St. Valentines day to-morrow. Now, please don't.

Try our new brands of cigars. Read & Brownell.

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

Chinese New Years has begun. Comment is unnecessary.

We understand a minstrel troup is being organized in this city.

The State Temperance Alliance convened in Salem Wednesday.

The marble trade of San Francisco amounts to $4,000,000 annually.

$18,000 of Linn county's share of the state tax, has been sent to Salem.

Be prepared for a poor fruit crop and high prices for dried fruit next fall.

Another fresh supply of canned goods just received at Read & Brownell's.

If you want first-class goods at moderate prices, call on Read & Brownell.

Don't forget Read & Brownell when wanting anything in the boot or shoe line.

Remember the literary entertainment at the M E Church this (Friday) evening.

Mr W H Greenwood, an old resident of Harrisburg, died last Monday morning.

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

The *West Shore* for February is an interesting number, Eastern Oregon getting the illustrations.

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

The two children reported in the DEMOCRAT as lost near Mehama, have since been found.

We see that W. C. Tweedale has just received another lot of new styled parlor stoves.

Joe Drake, the Marion county murderer, has been sentenced to be hanged on Friday, March 20.

Corned beef in cans is just the thing for a cold lunch. Always on hand at Read & Brownell's.

Parties wishing insurance in the State Insurance Company can obtain it by calling on J H Townsend.

Mr Ephraim Turner continues to improve, notwithstanding his age the bone in his leg knitting fast.

Lebanon Grange has been discontinued, the remaining members uniting with the Rock Hill Grange.

A bicyclist at Binghamton, N. Y., recently fell while riding in a rink with such force as to cause his instant death.

The play of Nevada is being gotten up, and will be enacted in a few weeks. It is a thrilling, interesting drama.

An attempt will be made to raise rice in Southern Oregon, it being claimed that some of the soil is suitable for the purpose.

At the new store of Hoffman & Joseph can be found the finest line of confectionary in the Valley, as well as groceries, tobaccos, etc.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to John Briggs are notified to put in an appearance at once, as he is positively closing out.

The delegates from Scio to the Temperance Alliance at Salem this week are R Pentland and wife, Miss L Charlton and W E Kelly.

Albany girls are in despair. Three of our city bachelors advertising in an Eastern paper for wives at one time has completely undermined them.

L O D Barman and J Filger are new converts in Portland to the failure list. Who is doing all this red flag raising any way, in that influential city.

At the New Orleans exposition Oregon beat the world on apples. Out of nine entries Oregon took six first-class premiums, and two on collections.

Any party wishing to purchase a good farm, either for grain or stock will do well by calling on A R Cyrus & Co., Real Estate Agents, at Lebanon, Or.

It is said that every man has his price; but this does not apply to the numerous members of the State Legislature who give themselves away repeatedly.

When you wish to subscribe for newspapers and magazines don't forget to leave your orders with F. L. Kenton. They will receive prompt attention.

A man named Graham recently ran four miles at Lockport, N. Y., in the remarkable time of 18 minutes, 38 seconds, the fastest time on record for the distance.

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.

In the matter of county taxes Sweet Home has paid more in proportion to the assessment than any other precinct in the county. This is a feather in the cap of that place.

Two or three boys have within the last few months shot themselves in this city by the careless use of revolvers. Ashamed of themselves they managed to keep the affairs quiet.

The First Universalist Parish of Albany has been duly incorated with M H Avery, M J Kelly, A Pearce, C H Spencer, C W Stanfield, C C Kelly and A B Woodin as incorporators.

It is estimated that in Crook county the losses will be, sheep, 20 per cent, horses, 25 per cent. In the Ochoco country George Young lost 1300 sheep out of 1500, an exceptional case.

It was probably a Salem girl who started the story that single men are much more apt to have the cholera than married men. They are always up to some dodge to get men in a marrying spirit.

David Brown was killed last Friday about eight miles north of Eugene. He was riding a horse and is supposed to have run against some limbs of a tree with sufficient force to kill him instantly.

At the firemen's party at Lebanon on last Friday night, a cake was sold, in which was hidden a very fine lady's ring. Mr. Tom Wallace of this city proved the lucky purchaser of a thirtieth of it.

A R Cyrus & Co., real estate agents, of Lebanon, are having a descriptive circular of Linn County printed by C W Watts, of this city. This is enterprise and no doubt one which will meet with reward.

J W Murry, who was convicted of murdering his brother-in-law Alfred Yenke, last Spring, will be hanged by the neck to-day until life becomes extinct. We know no reason why it should not be thus.

Joaquin Miller is now well off, but his poor mother is living near Eugene, deserted by her strippling husband, who is basking in the sunshine of Pine P. O. in this county, while she milks her cows on the farm he left.

A gentleman just from the Mississippi Valley tells us that trade in the Willamette Valley is much better than there. As a matter of fact, though business is not electricity here, it is ahead of that in most Eastern places.

The bill to appropriate $30,000 for an additional building for the State University passed the Senate Tuesday, and only needs the signature of the Governor to become a law.

A J Hubler, of Marion, well known in this city, has been adjudged insane and sent to the asylum. The unfortunate man's condition is said to have been produced by financial reverses which have followed him for some time past.

Hereafter witnesses in criminal cases will not receive either per diem fees or mileage, when residing within two miles of the Court House. This is correct. Paying a witness for half an hours work when for the state is very properly stopped.

Union services, instead of being discontinued in all the churches, are now held Sabbath evenings by the Congregational, Presbyterian and U P Churches. On next Sabbath evening they will be held at the Congregational church.

Readers of the DEMOCRAT who run across "Thrilling Adventures" in our outside columns should not get mad when they discover that they are only advertisements. We get well paid for them, and money is what we have to have to run a newspaper.

Attention is called to the new advertisement of John Briggs in another column, when Mr Briggs says he will sell his splendid stock of stoves, tinware, etc., for cost, he means business, and is not putting up any of the usual advertising dodges. Call and find out for yourselves.

Farmers! we have ten double motion fanning mills complete with zinc, hurdle and seives for all kinds of grain, which we will sell for twenty-five dollars each. Now is your time to buy a separator cheap. John Brush & Son, next to Farmers' Co.'s office.

Some people thought when the present Legislature met that the Cow counties would have something to say on the Senatorial question; but the opposite is proving true, Portland is slowly but surely bull-dozing its way into its usual supremacy, and from present indications will get the U. S. Senatorship.

The new Albany Band, R A Hohman, leader, went to Lebanon on last Friday night, where they played for the Firemen's entertainment held that evening by the firemen of that place. Before leaving on the train they discoursed some excellent music on our streets.

A foot-race for $1000 a side is to be run in March, in San Francisco, between Frank Lewis, of Corvallis, and an Eastern sprint runner named Gibson. The distance is to be 125 yards. Gibson is one of the fastest in the world, so if Corvallis comes out ahead this time it will only be by a scratch.

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.

The forty days allowed our state legislators to draw pay closes one week from to-day. Notwithstanding a large amount of unfinished business it may be assured that on that day it will close, as the rule of "no pay no work" generally prevails in this state. Free passes though have nothing to do with question. They are good *all* winter.

Many old citizens will remember the famous piece of artillery of early Albany, and of how it was finally thrown in the Willamette as well as of the many other tribulations it underwent. Such things were then looked at with distrust, but times have changed, and now our County Clerk comes out openly and licenses as objectionable things. For particulars inquire at the Court House.

The State Agricultural College Association at Corvallis has been duly incorporated. Incorporators—John Burnett, J R Bryson, M S Woodcock, F A Horning, M Jacobs, D Carlisle, Thos J Buford, P Avery, J B Lee. Capital stock, $30,000. The college hereafter will be entirely under the control of the State; but how it will affect it we do not know.

We have received the official canvass of the vote of County School Superintendents for text-books for the ensuing four years. The vote on readers, over which there was such a contest between Bancroft and the Independent series, stood 21 for the latter and 4 for the former. Benton, Crook, Curry and Marion voted for Bancroft's series. A list of the books selected has already been published in the DEMOCRAT.

Advertisers should remember that the DEMOCRAT has the largest circulation of any paper in the Central Willamette Valley, and more than two of its contemporaries would have to double up in order to change this fact. Thirty new names were added during January to its list, which fully makes up for the dead beats who have the postmasters write: "Your paper directed to Jim Don't Pay His Debts, is not taken from the office. Cause—left the country. Dont want it, moved to Jerusalem, etc."

An agent of a Bible Society who has canvassed Portland states that in that city he found 768 Roman Catholic families, 332 Methodist Episcopal, 285 Protestant Episcopal, 150 Lutheran, 139 Hebrew and Jewish, 123 Congregational, 121 Baptist, 82 Unitarian, 60 families of the Christian Church, 3 families of the Evangelical Association, 15 German Reformed and 9 United Brethren, 9 Adventists; Friends or Quakers 5, Church of Sea and Land, 3; also 1 Mormon and 1 Buddhist.

As novelties in socials are in order we suggest a mum social with the following rules: First—All entering the house are expected to maintain perfect silence. Second—The first one who speaks will be fined $1. Third—Each successive speaker will be subjected to a fine of 25 cents, and he will be entitled to a badge and the privilege of talking and making others talk. Fourth—No writing allowed. Fifth—Those who refrain from talking the entire evening will have their refreshments gratis.

Five persons were drowned near Grants pass, in Applegate River, last week, the following account of which is given: The mail carrier between that place and Wildervilla, Alexander Jones, left there Thursday morning with the mail, in a two-horse conveyance, containing Mrs. George Gibson and her two children, Hannah, aged 8, and Frank, 4 years of age, and a young man named Andy McClung. While attempting to ford the Applegate river, near its junction with Rogue river, the wagon capsized and the entire party were drowned. Citizens of this place and vicinity have been looking for the bodies, but only that of the little boy has been found. One sack of mail was recovered.

Rebecca Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Rebecca Degree, I O O F, at Odd Fellow's Hall, Saturday evening, February 14th, at 7:30 P. M. A full attendance is request'd.

T. P. HACKLEMAN, N. G.

G. W. Alphin will greatly oblige the Albany postmaster by furnishing address of registered letter recently left with him, the one given not being a Postoffice.

COUNTY COURT—FEBRUARY TERM.

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

Application of citizens for bridge across Santiam at Mehama continued until April term, also for bridge across Santiam near R R Humphrey's, also for bridge across Santiam at Waterloo, also for bridge across Santiam near Sweet Home.

Boundaries in Road Dist 22 & 26 were changed according to application.

Application of A J Shelton and others for alteration of county road read, road established and fees allowed.

Application of Thos Monteith for reduction of taxes disallowed.

Application of P T Brock et al for alteration of county road read, road established and fees allowed.

In matter of fees in cases of State agt Keeney, et al, disallowed in full.

Jos E Worth and Geo Findley applied for scholarship to State University. Lots were drawn in favor of former.

School warrant No 8 ordered corrected by School Superintendent.

Record of boundaries of Road Dists 41 and 50 ordered corrected by Clerk.

Geo W Young ordered to repair bridge at Hebrew cemetery immediately.

Contract for repairing Lebanon bridge was let to Sc John & Royal for $435.

Contract for keeping county poor let to C L Morris for $2,74 per week each person.

Ordered that order issue for George Orchard, an indigent person, for $10, and hereafter $5 monthly.

Ordered that A G Marshall be authorized to purchase ticket for Mrs Davidson to Drain Station.

Warrant in favor of L Douglas for $3.70 for relief of Munson family ordered.

Resignation of D W Rumbaugh, Justice of the Peace at Sweet Home, was accepted.

Supervisor at Muddy ordered to take old bridge apart and save lumber.

The following bills of supervisors were ordered paid; J B Cousy, $12; W S Fletcher, $20; H N Durthick, $36; J W McGee, $16; G M Alford, $2; J C Saltmarsh, $30.10; F M Robinett, $31; Daniel Houck, $26; Hamon Shelton, $5; J B Henderson, $13; Phil Swank, $18; J L Turnridge, $20.25; A R McDonald, $22.

County officers were allowed regular salary and fees.

The following bills were allowed:

C H Stewart, clerks fees	$21.80
Thos Alford, gravel	2.50
Peters & Stewart, mdse	8.35
A Farlow, gravel	6.30
A B McIlwain, mdse for poor	5.00
John A Crawford, water rent	4.50
John H Edwards, lumber	11.40
Moyer Brothers, lumber	39.80
J Gradwohl, mdse	22.46
J K Charlton, Sheriff's fees	37.00
Phil Cohen, mdse	2.00
D V S Reid, postage	4.25
Wm Cyrus, clearing bridge	6.60
S E Young, scraper	15.00
E W Whipple & Bros., lumber	34.20
Crawford & Fuller, lumber	11.70
Alfred Drury, lumber	24.00
C L Morris, keeping county poor	92.25
Mrs C Houck, keeping poor	8.00
H Farwell, per cent on school fund	53.74
W B Scott, repairing vault	30.00
S W Gaines, coffin	27.60
H D Burkhart, gravel	29.00

The following road supervisors were appointed, some of them being in place of resignations from January appointments:

Dist.
1. Wm Nicholson.
2. Alfred M Shelton.
4. Thos Hargrove.
7. Antony Bender.
9. John E Cyrus.
10. Silas Reynolds.
12. Conrad Buckner.
18. Geo W Cooper.
19. E J Meyers.
21. John Scott.
23 Geo Henderson.
25. J B Cornett.
26. John Morgan.
32. Wm Warmouth.
34. George Shepherd.
36. F M Kizer.
49. Wm McDowell.
43. Charles Grimes.
47. Frank Propst.
48. S T Jones.
49. Elias Keeney.
50. L N Brooks.

Valentines Day.

Way back in the dim past when the power of Rome was supreme, a peculiar custom grew up among the young lads and lasses. It was their custom to gather together on the eve of St. Valentines Day and write the names of lads and lasses of their acquaintances in equal numbers on slips of papers and place them in a basket or some other receptacle. From this receptacle each maid and bachelor draw a slip of paper, taking care of course to draw a paper containing the name of one of the opposite sex from the drawer, and the person drawn was the valentine of the drawer for a year. So universal was the custom that while each one present drew a valentine, he or she was often drawn as the valentine of another in some other gathering. These imaginary engagements sometimes grew into real ones for one became the valentine of another, and the imperious law was that all his attentions, like the gallant Knights of medieval times, must be devoted to this one valentine, hence marriage often followed in the wake of, and as the result of the custom.

The origin of Valentine's Day is not definitely known. Some writers say that the custom comes from St. Valentine, a Bishop who was beheaded in Rome in the reign of the Emperor Claudius. St, Valentine was said to be a man of goodly parts and famous for his love and charity. Others say the custom was derived from the fact that birds were supposed to mate on that day. Whatever may have been the origin of the custom, it has now degenerated into a season of fun-making and joking.

Wanted.

A good girl, (German preferred,) wanted for dining room at Depot Hotel at Albany, Oregon.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Post Office, Albany, Linn county, Oregon, Feb. 12, 1885. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which they were advertised:

Atkens, Josh	Babcock, T J
Clay, Eunice	Eichstadt, Ferdinant
Jackson, H	Kendall, Miss Hattie (2)
Kennedy, Allen D (2)	Kirkwood, R
Langford, C P	Simons, Mrs Hannah
Spanenberg, Jacob H	

J. M. IRVING, P. M.

Pay Up.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me or the late firm of Allen & Martin will please call and settle immediately, or their accounts will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection and costs made.

N. H. ALLEN.

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 WATSON.

ALBANY AND LINN COUNTY.

A gentleman, stopping at Salem, in order to shake off the terrible agony of the Senatorial contest took a trip to Albany. On returning a news reporter interviewed him, when he paid Albany and Linn county the following splendid compliments, and as well made some pretty sharp hits on general principles. As we always like to get the opinion of others we give the whole interview: "I never so enjoyed a trip in my life. I visited Albany for the first time, and a neater, prettier town, with more beautiful surroundings, I have not seen in the State. I thought Salem was a pretty nice place, but Albany beats it. The rising hills fringing the town at a distance of four or five miles, and the green valleys, make up a picture of peculiar beauty. These hills which skirt the town look like the sand domes, which are seen around many of the mining camps of the Rocky mountains. Then in the distance are the crested tops of Mount Hood and Mount Jefferson. The Albany people are proud of their town, and I don't wonder at it. I would be proud of it myself if I lived there."

"What makes the valley so green, you talk about? Grass?"

"Grass and wheat, I would have the hardest kind of work to convince a Portlander even, who has not recently been there, that the wheat is from five to six inches high. It is; and finer looking fields I never saw. It just looks as though that county was the veritable land of milk and honey. The soil—well nobody ever saw it eclipsed—its richness is beyond the scope of adjectives. I'm not William M. Evarts, and I'm not equal to the emergency of describing it, but this I know: that the bayous of the lower Mississippi in the most favorable seasons never produced heavier yields than the valley of the Willamette up there. It is one of the wonders that I cannot solve. Why is it that the farmers there don't grow rich? Think of it—that deep black loam, so many thousands upon thousands of acres cleared and producing, and yet the farmers are in debt. I tell you the truth when I say that a whole lot of them have got to go to the wall. They're hard up. They owe everybody, and if my informants state the case right, they've got to glide into bankruptcy. Creditors are clamoring for 'spondulix' and 10 per cent long since overdue, and they're going to have it."

"Well, now, you can't have observed all this and not, after all, have some reason for it. When you sift it fine what reason do you assign—for there must be a reason—there's a reason for everything?"

"If I was proclaiming it from the hilltops instead of a newspaper reporter, who won't say anything. I would say that the farmers are inactive day dreamers, lacking in interest and vital energy. They don't enthuse. They sleep. Their sons are a hundred per cent worse. Lots of them loaf around the villages smoking cheap weeds and guzzling beer, while their fences are down, cattle and sheep in the yard, doors off the—"

"What's the matter? Little hot ain' you—you're not a kicker?"

"No, I'm not, but, good land alive, I've been to St. Paul, and there I had to hustle over the crossings to keep from getting run over in the rush and crush and jam of business. Think anybody u'd ever get run over in Portland, or any of your towns along here? Not much! Why, I began to think I'd been asleep myself, when I'd got there and I rubbed my eyes and tried to recollect what I'd been doing, and I'm called a pretty lively man myself. No, we've got to wake up—get some of the film off our eyes, and drive along. I don't like to kick. All these people are neighbors of mine now, but I tell you this: If I thought I ever would get so listless and lifeless, so phlegmatic, and devoid of energy and enthusiasm as these people in Oregon, ding me, if I wouldn't move bag and baggage into some other clime."

County Sued.

A suit has been brought by C G Barkhart against Linn County for certain Constable fees disallowed by the County Court. It will be tried before George Humphrey, Esq., next week. The person who works for the county has the same right to have his side heard as the county. Although often in practice an arbitrary matter, the cutting down of fees is not by right one, as the county may or may not find, as we understand several suits are likely to be brought soon for accounts disallowed. Many bills no doubt deserve curtailing, so mistakes may naturally be looked for on the part of the county; but in the case in question it is claimed that the matter was an arbitrary one. The trial will be looked for with interest, as to a certain extent it may be considered as a test case.

The 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.

SCOTTS EMULSION OF PURE Cod Liver Oil, with HYpophosphites, In Tubercular Diseases of the Lungs.

Dr. John Babington, Corrunna, Mich., says: "I have prescribed Scott's Emulsion with satisfactory results in Tubercular diseases of the lungs, and Mesentery glands; also in Neuralgia due to defective nerve nutrition."

MARRIED.

LONG—KESTER.—In Albany, on Saturday Jan. 31st, 1885, by Rev J W Harris, Mr SAMUEL LONG, of Oneatta, and Mrs AMANDA KESTER, of Albany.

[The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations. Mr and Mrs Long will reside at Oneatta, where Mr Long is in the employment of the O. P. Railroad Company.]

TYLER—CANON.—On Thursday Feb. 5th, 1885, by Rev S G Irvine, D. D., Mr. Jos. A. TYLER, and MISS LAURA B CANON, both of Albany.

[May their voyage down life's river be a pleasant one, and profitable to both. The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations.]

McDOWELL—CARY.—Near Crawfordsville Feb. 8th, 1885, by Rev C Sperry, HENRY C, McDOWELL and MISS SARAH O. CAR