

THE BENTON DEMOCRAT.

CORVALLIS, DEC. 28, 1872.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY.

THE GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.—The performance at Briggs' Hall, on Thursday evening last, was witnessed by a fair audience. Of the affair we can only say that each one tried to play his part; but, owing to the heavy character of the pieces presented, the failure of persons to know their part, and the fact of this being the first appearance of many of the actors, the tragedy part of the performance was not what, under different circumstances, "it might have been." The music by Miss Briggs and Messrs. Dohse and Dr. Biddle, was excellent, and the songs by the members of the Club were finely rendered.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—The following named gentlemen have incorporated themselves into a Library Association, in this city: J. B. Rayley, Emory Allen, J. H. Babcock, John Burnett, J. S. Palmer, W. T. Johnson, B. W. Wilson, M. Jacobs and D. K. Nesbit. The capital stock has been fixed at \$5,000, divided into one hundred shares. Stock books will be opened in a few days. This is a praiseworthy undertaking, and we hope to see it attended with complete success.

THE WEATHER.—We have had "Dolly Varden" weather during the past week. On Monday we were treated to a genuine Webster rain, lasting all day and night. Tuesday and Wednesday were quite fair; but on the latter evening "old Jupiter" played his himself loose again, filling wells throughout the city almost to the brim, and causing a rise of some twelve feet in the river.

ON A TIME.—A number of gentlemen of this city went down to Albany, last Saturday, on a run. In returning, a buggy was broken, another upset, and the mischief spread generally. As the gentlemen are all good Templars, and positively assert that they got no grapes on the road, these accidents are unaccountable.

OUR CLIMATE.—No other country on the American continent, of the same latitude, can boast of so mild a climate as our Oregon. On Christmas day, we noticed persons sitting in front of business houses, enjoying the genial sunshine, while young America was playing marbles in the street.

FISH-CATCHING EXTRAORDINARY.—The late rains having swollen Mary's river, a number of parties spent Christmas day in scooping up (literally) thousands of brook trout near the dam. The fish were attempting to go over the dam, and were taken in scoop nets, by the basket-full at a dip.

FOR YOUNG LADIES.—To those young ladies who, we are informed, use the BENTON DEMOCRAT for bustles, we would say that we object to this appropriation of our paper; but will furnish any number of exchanges, on application.

BEAUTIFUL PRESENT.—On last Wednesday Mr. Hale Backensto was the recipient of a large elliptic picture, elegantly framed in rosewood and gilt, containing photographs of the entire family of which he is a promising member.

SNOO FLY.—The Shoo Fly came up on Tuesday morning, with a light freight. The late rains having swollen the river considerably, this steamer was enabled to take away 100 tons of grain.

DECEASED.—The wife of Captain John Smith, and mother of I. N. Smith, of Linn county, died on the 7th inst., at Warm Springs Reservation, of cancer, with which she had long been afflicted.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—We acknowledge the receipt of complimentary tickets, during the week, to the Minstrel performance, the Glee Club Entertainment, and the Amateur performance.

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURE.—Rev. D. K. Nesbit will deliver a lecture, at the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday evening next, at 8:30 o'clock. Subject—"The Dead Year."

STATE TAX.—Treasurer Groves paid over to the Secretary of State, some two weeks ago, the entire State tax due from this county. This was the first county to pay her State tax.

FINE CIGARS.—Henry Bird has just received a lot of choice Havana cigars, a sample of which we have puffed, and now puff again.

FOR THE BAY.—McCandlish & Co. shipped a large invoice of pictures and Christmas goods to the Yaquina Bay, on Monday last.

REV. A. F. WALLER.—One of the pioneer ministers of Oregon, died at Salem, on Thursday last, at the age of sixty-five.

THANKS.—Our thanks are due to Mr. Frank Rayburn, for a mess of fine trout.

PARDONED.—Governor Groves pardoned Mat. Bledsoe, on Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS DAY!

How It Was Celebrated in Corvallis.

Religious Services.—Church Decorations.—Christmas Trees.—Amusements.

Christmas Day dawned on Corvallis bright and smiling as a September morning. Birds carolled in the balmy air; a gentle breeze drifted the broken clouds into snowy banks; ever and anon the glorious sun shown through the rifts with an autumnal splendor, and nature wore an expression of joy and gladness at the return of the birthday of the Savior of the world. At an early hour, sweet-toned bells rang out their joyful notes, summoning our people to their respective places of worship. At the

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Three masses were celebrated, by Father Gibney—at six, seven and half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon. The Church was not decorated with evergreens, but a number of fresh and beautiful bouquets adorned the altar, a new carpet covered the sanctuary, new pews had been placed in the auditorium, and the whole interior of the building clothed in a spotless garb of snow-white paint. At the

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Services were held at half-past ten o'clock, by Rev. J. H. Babcock. The Chapel had been very tastefully decorated. From the ceilings drooped elaborate festoons of evergreens, and the columns were entwined with cedar and fir sprays. Over the altar were the characters "Alpha and Omega," between which were wrought, in letters of purple and gold, the words "The Mighty God." Under this appeared an evergreen cross, sprinkled with evergreens, with the initials "I. H. S." inscribed below it. A handsome altar cloth, appropriately embellished, covered the altar. Upon the left wall, the words "The Wonderful," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace," were neatly inscribed in capitals of evergreen. Upon the east end of the Chapel appeared the "Star," and, in letters of purple, the words "Unto us a Child is Born; Unto us a Son is Given," formed into semi-circles, upon either side of the entrance, beneath which were hanging wreaths of evergreen. The chandeliers were trimmed with the delicate myrtle vine. The whole presenting an appearance at once pleasing to the sense, and truly emblematic of the birth of the God of Love—the Father Everlasting. Services were held at ten o'clock, at the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By Rev. D. K. Nesbit. The church had not been decorated, but in the afternoon a

CHRISTMAS TREES

Was erected. At 6:30 p. m., the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, by both young and old, to witness the distribution of the gifts. The tree was smaller than usual, neither lighted nor ornamented, but bore a goodly array of beautiful and valuable presents. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. J. Emory, after which the heart of nearly every present was made glad by a gift of some kind. A number of

PRIVATE CHRISTMAS TREES

Were erected in the city on Christmas Eve. The residences of Harry Johnson, W. H. McFarland, Dr. Bayley and B. W. Wilson were thus adorned, and at each a very pleasant evening was spent. In the evening, a performance was given by the

CORVALLIS MINSTRELS

A company of amateurs, and largely attended. Of this exhibition we can truly say that a more entertaining, mirth-provoking, and amusing performance has never been given by any troupe before in this city. The young gentlemen engaged in the matter labored to please, and the frequent rounds of applause with which they were greeted by a crowded house is proof of how well they succeeded. We are glad to learn that a similar performance, with an entire change of programme, is promised us on the 24th of February. These entertainments are devoid of all profanity and vulgarity, and furnish a source of harmless amusement. After the minstrel performance, the hall was cleared for a

SOCIAL DANCE

Which was attended by about forty couple, who mingled in the merry dance until "broad daylight in the morning." An

EXCELLENT SUPPER

Was served at the City Hotel, by that popular and obliging landlord, A. K. McConnell, Esq. The ball was one of the most pleasant affairs ever had in this city, and the festivities of the evening were marked throughout by general good feeling and unalloyed pleasure. Thus passed Christmas, 1872—a season of enjoyment, both religious and secular, not soon to be forgotten by our citizens.

THE AMATEUR PERFORMANCE has been postponed until Friday evening. A most agreeable entertainment is promised by the Company on that occasion. "Ten Nights in a Barroom" is on the bills, and will, no doubt, be well performed. After the performance, an opportunity will be given for Terpsichorean enjoyment.

THE FLOOD.—The recent storms have so swollen small streams throughout this section that many portions of the valley are overflowed. Many land-slides occurred on the railroad, and several culverts were washed out. The waters are subsiding, and trains are again running to Roseburg.

TOO BAD.—A number of young men, on returning to their homes, about 6 o'clock last Thursday morning, found that some mischievous fellows had stolen their key-holes, and they sought to assuage their wrath by taking "trumps" at the City Hotel.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—If you want your photograph taken in excellent style, go to Stryker's Gallery, on Third street, back of the City Hotel. Mrs. C. M. Stryker is a first class artist, and finishes up pictures according to the latest fashions.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—P. P. Greffoz advertises a splendid assortment of holiday goods, consisting of watches, jewelry, silverware, etc. Now is the time to buy your wife, your sister, or somebody else's sister a fine Christmas present.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS of this city will not open again until Thursday, January 2nd. This is a change from the announcement made last week, as it was thought expedient to delay the resumption of studies until that time.

THE GAME LAW.—For the convenience of our readers, we will, next week, publish the game law of Oregon.

Carlyle Literary Society.

The 23d meeting of this Society was held at the Court House on the 23d inst., at 6:30 o'clock p. m.

President Chenoweth in the chair. Roll called, several members absent. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

REGULAR EXERCISES.

James A. Yantis and J. W. Rayburn each read a poem. On motion, J. W. Rayburn was excused. J. A. Yantis was called to the chair. Debate on the following resolution: Resolved, That poverty is better, for the development of intellect, than wealth.

Affirmative, Dr. Boswell; Negative, F. A. Chenoweth. Decision in favor of the Negative. Committee on Questions reported the following order of business for January 6, 1873:

Reading, by D. K. Nesbit. Oration, by J. B. Eglin. Debate on the following resolution: Resolved, That the present policy of the Government toward the Indians is a failure. Affirmative, W. W. Chapman; Negative, Jas. A. Yantis.

On motion, Dr. Boswell was excused from delivering his lecture, on the evening of December 30th.

On motion, the Society adjourned. JAS. A. YANTIS, Secretary.

Personal Items.

Hon. Ben. Simpson passed through town this week, en route for his home, in Salem.

A number of ladies and gentlemen, from Albany, came up to attend the minstrel performance and dance, on Wednesday night.

Professor W. W. Moreland, of the Oregon City Seminary, with his family, is spending the holidays among his friends in this city. EVERYBODY go and see "Ten Nights in a Barroom," at Briggs' Hall, on next Friday evening, January 3d. Sample and Melitable will afford you a good laugh; while Joe Morgan and family will excite the sympathy of all. This entertainment is for the benefit of the Library Association, and extensive preparations have been made to have everything go off well. After the entertainment, a chance will be given to "trip the light fantastic toe," or, in other words, dance.

TOYS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—If you want toys, gifts, fancy articles, or substantial goods, go to Henry Warrior's, on Main street. He advertises, in another column, a fine assortment of goods; which he is selling on a novel plan.

OUR PIPE.—We were the recipient of a handsome pipe, on Christmas night; but the same was stolen from the room recently occupied as the Democrat office, while we were tripping the light fantastic.

"SANTA CLAUS."—E. Q. McCandlish & Co. advertise, elsewhere in this issue, that they have on hand a large assortment of toys, Christmas goods, etc. Give them a call, when making your purchases.

THE MAILS AGAIN.—Wednesday's mails went through to Roseburg, on a Christmas spree, and were distributed along the valley on Thursday. Cause—no mail agent on Wednesday's train.

"THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" is a first class family newspaper. Sent to any address, until January 1, 1874, for \$2. Address Wells Drury, Publisher, Monmouth, Oregon.

PURCHASED.—Mr. Hale Backensto informs us that he has purchased the building and ground now occupied by his barber shop, and is now a bloated land owner.

LOST.—A pair of dog-skin gloves were lost in or near Fisher's Hall, on Wednesday night. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at this office.

NEW TIME.—Some young friends of ours appreciating the wants of a poor officer, presented us a magnificent new hat, on Christmas night.

A PRIVATE PARTY.—Some twenty couples of College students enjoyed a social dance at the residence of W. Huffman, on Christmas night.

LITERARY THIEF.—Some unfortunately afflicted individual is in the habit of purloining Frank Stanton's Portland papers from his hotel.

MASONIC.—We are informed that the installation and supper, given by the Masons last evening, was a very pleasant affair.

STEAMBOAT.—The Fannie Patton came up yesterday, with a light freight, and carried away a load of wheat.

CORVALLIS COLLEGE.—Studies will be resumed in this institution on Monday next.

THE INDIAN WAR.—News from the Modoc country is not startling. The mode of enlistment of volunteers is about out, and they will soon be disbanded. The military expect to take decisive action before long.

SERIOUS FIRE.—A fire in New York on Tuesday last, destroyed Barnum's Museum, Grace Chapel, and a number of other buildings. Loss \$500,000.

P. P. GREFFOZ

Has just received a fine assortment of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silver-Plated Ware, for the Holidays. Give him a call. Sw.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BARNUM LODGE NO. 7, I. O. O. F., Meets on Tuesday evening of each week, at 7 o'clock, in the Hall, Main street, south room, in Fisher's Brick, second story. Members of the Order in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the N. G.

CORVALLIS LODGE NO. 14, F. & A. M., holds stated Communications on Wednesday evening on or preceding each full moon. Brethren in good standing are invited to attend. Per order of W. M.

EXCELSIOR LODGE NO. 9, I. O. G. T., Meets every Saturday evening at Templars Hall, over Gazette Printing Office. All members in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the W. C. T.

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Gents' Furnishing Goods,

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NEW THIS WEEK.

School Land Notice.

All persons that have bought school lands are hereby notified that they must pay for the same when their notes become due, or the lands will revert back to the school fund. All persons that have school money borrowed, must pay the interest punctually, as per agreement; otherwise the collection of the same will be enforced. By order of the Board of School Commissioners. WM. GROVES, Dec. 23, 1872:38w4 Local Agent.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HOLIDAY GOODS! HOLIDAY GOODS

HENRY WARRIOR

Has on Hand a Large and Well Selected Assortment of

HOLIDAY GOODS,

CONSISTING OF

FANCY ARTICLES,

MEERSCHAUM PIPES,

CHOICE CIGARS,

FINE CANDIES,

TOYS, OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

These Goods Range in Price from

FIFTY CENTS TO FIVE DOLLARS!

And Each Article will be Sold

FOR SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS!

—AT—

HENRY WARRIOR'S BAKERY,

MAIN STREET.

December 13, 1872. 2:34w3

FLAX SEED! FLAX SEED!

GOOD, CLEAN FLAX SEED FURNISHED FARMERS FOR SOWING.

THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID

on all contracts made prior to February 1, 1873. Farmers have choice of seed, according to date of contract. Printed instructions, regarding the preparation of soil, amount to the acre, average yield, etc., etc., furnished to all applicants. WESTLAKE & SIMPSON, Of Albany, So. Agents.

Dr. J. R. Bayley, of this city, is authorized to make contracts in Benton County. Corvallis, December 13, 1872. 2:34m3

Fair Warning.

THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT OF Harris & Robinson, and Harris, Robinson & Co., are now in my hands for collection. All persons knowing themselves indebted thereon are hereby notified to make payment immediately, and save costs. JOHN BURNETT, Attorney.

Dec. 21:35w4

Settle Up! Settle Up!

PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to me, are notified to come forward and settle their accounts on or before the first day of January, 1873. All accounts remaining unpaid at that day will be placed in the hands of the Justice of the Peace, for collection. SOL. KING.

December 21:35w2.

GREAT EXCITEMENT

The Bazaar of Fashion!

MRS. E. A. KNIGHT

HAS JUST RECEIVED

A FULL STOCK OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS,

CONSISTING OF

Millinery Articles, Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons, Trimmings, Etc.

DRESS-MAKING,

And cutting and fitting ladies' and children's garments in all the Latest Styles. Great pains will be taken to show Goods.

Rooms first door South of City Hotel

Mrs. E. A. KNIGHT.

CORVALLIS, Oct. 11, 1872. v2no1y1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

O. FOX, & BRO.,

JUST RECEIVED.

DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING,

BOOTS AND SHOES, GROCERIES,

FANCY GOODS,

CROCKERY, HARDWARE,

CARPETINGS AND WALL PAPER,

HATS AND CAPS,

TRUNKS & VALISES,

LADIES' AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,

AND

Everything else usually found in a First-Class Country Store.

GIVE THEM A CALL.

September 6, 1872. 2:20w

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AND PLANING MILL.

NORTH END OF TOWN

F. E. Robinson & Bro.

PROPRIETORS.

HAVING LATELY RE-FITTED and improved our machinery, and having a good stock of MOUNTAIN FIRE LOGS on hand, we will endeavor to keep such a variety of Lumber on Hand, that any and all Customers can be fitted out IMMEDIATELY, or we can fill their bills on SHORT NOTICE.

Customers from a distance, sending their orders, will receive AS PROMPT ATTENTION as if personally present.

Rustic and Ceiling of all Kinds

made to order.

Flooring, Either Matched or

Square Jointed, as desired.

ALL LUMBER DRESSED BY OR UNDER the supervision of a Practical Mechanic, and will be done in as good style as can be done elsewhere.

SEND IN YOUR ORDERS.

Remember the place—North end of Town. Slab Wood always on hand. v1no4w1.

NOW IS THE TIME!

P. P. GREFFOZ.

TWO DOORS SOUTH OF THE CITY HOTEL,

CORVALLIS, OREGON.

Has just received a fine assortment of Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, &c., which he offers for sale at low prices.

SOLE AGENT FOR