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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

M. E. CHURCH—Regular services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service, with Bible classes for old and young. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. A general invitation and cordial welcome.

HOME AGAIN.

We arrived home on Thursday last week, at 9:30 P. M., after a two months' absence, and were cordially greeted at the Westside train by host of kind, warm-hearted friends. Such a greeting was quite unexpected, but all the more appreciated and enjoyed by us. To us there is no place like home, and no friends like those who have stood by us for nearly a quarter of a century in Benton county. Although somewhat benefited by the trip, we are not prepared to take hold of the GAZETTE with that vigor and vim which we desire, or that the varied interests of our county demands. But we will do the best we can under the circumstances, and trust to kind friends for continuance of their valued aid and support. And right here we will return thanks to the several gentlemen who have so kindly tendered their services, and so ably conducted the GAZETTE during our absence. Such kindness cannot be measured by dollars and cents. To each we make our most polite bow, feeling confident that their labors have been appreciated, as evidenced by the continued and increased support given the paper during our absence. It is no easy work, or trivial matter, to step upon the treadmill of journalism and cater to the varied tastes of a reading public; and while some little local *chagrin* is almost unavoidable, it is worthy of all praise to note that the paper has been true to the best interests of the county, and those in charge have fully carried out our views and plans relative to the public good.

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CORRECTION.—Mr. A. D. Scrawford, a subscriber to the GAZETTE, informs us that several material errors occurred in an item in the last issue of our paper under the heading of "Child Stealing." He claims that our reporter was misinformed relative to the facts in the case. Mr. Scrawford says the child's mother was the only person engaged in the so-called kidnapping—and that she returned the child to this city, at its own request. We regret that anything should find place in our columns calculated to injure or offend any one—but it makes all the difference in the world—"how a thing is told."

P. S. Since the above was in type, we have received a lengthy letter from Mrs. E. J. Scrawford, of Albany, giving quite another version of the affair, and denouncing the statements of our last week's item as maliciously false and slanderous. Domestic differences are always unpleasant, and we regret that this matter got into the GAZETTE, but cannot see that it would help the matter to publish the letter—which is a score. We trust this explanation will be satisfactory to all parties, and that the matter will be allowed to rest.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Last Friday being the 51st anniversary of the wedding of "Uncle Peter" Polly and his estimable wife, their friends planned, and successfully carried into execution, a very pleasant surprise party. Mr. and Mrs. Polly were invited to the house of Mr. Shedd for supper, and as soon as darkness came on their friends took possession of their residence and on their return they were greeted by a large number of friends who had brought with them everything that could be thought of in the way of "good eating," and had treated the usually quiet home into one of joyous mirth. The affair was a perfect surprise to the parties, and the gathering one of the most pleasant it has been our good fortune to attend for a long time. Four generations of the family were present. The evening was spent in conversation, music and a few impromptu speeches by members of the party. After a very pleasant evening all went home happy and with hopes that Mr. and Mrs. Polly might celebrate many more anniversaries.

FINE LODGE.—While at Los Angeles we had the pleasure of visiting Philadelphia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was more than pleased to find our old-time friend G. Q. Stewart, (a Corvallis boy.) W. M. of the Lodge. The Hall is one of the finest and most elegant in the State, and all the furniture and paraphernalia fully correspond, while the working of the Lodge, under W. Master Stewart, would do credit to much older and more experienced hands. It is no small honor for a young man to be placed in the East, in any Lodge of Masons, but when selected from scores of the old stand-bys of the Order, like he was, it speaks volumes in praise of Graville, and his numerous friends in Oregon may well feel proud of the honorable position he has attained, as a reward of true merit. Honesty, capability and diligence in business—the best capital a young man can possess.

WESTSIDE R. R.—We returned from Portland by the Oregon Central or Western Oregon railroad, last week, and were agreeably surprised to find the road in such good order. It was far smoother than could reasonably have been expected, especially that portion that was constructed during the stormy weather, and literally laid in soft mud. Thanks to J. Brandt, Esq., for doing all in their power to accommodate the public. The employees are very obliging, and seem to handle freight and baggage, especially trunks, with great care. Fare between Portland and Corvallis only four dollars—very reasonable, indeed—less than five cents per mile.

EASTER SUNDAY.—Sunday last was the festival of Easter, an occasion which is observed with peculiar rejoicings by many branches of the Christian church. At the Episcopal church in this city services were conducted by Mr. Wallis Nash, who in the absence of the Pastor officiated as lay reader. The music had been arranged especially for the occasion, Mr. Nash presiding at the organ. The hymns and anthems appropriate to the day were rendered in excellent style and the large congregation which were present both morning and evening will remember Easter Sunday of 1880 as a peculiarly enjoyable season.

FINE ORGANS.—We have just received one of Horace Waters' new organs, of one, style 153; six octaves, eleven stops, chime of bells, two knee swells, three sets of reeds, a full set of sub-bass, and improved octave coupler. The case is new in design, and very rich and elegant in appearance. Its tone is sweet, full and perfectly balanced, and can be varied from the softest whisper of the dulciana through a number of beautiful combinations to the immense volume and power of the full organ. Mr. C. W. Starr, of Monroe, is agent for these organs.

TREES.—All kinds of fruit and ornamental trees for sale, very cheap, by Mr. Van Groves, of this city. They can be seen at his residence on Washington street, between Second and Third. Please call and see them.

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Hanson, Wesley
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Kane, Ed
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