

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 23, 1883.

SOCIETIES

Corvallis Lodge, No. 14, A. F. and A. M., meets on Wednesday evening, on or preceding full moon.  
W. C. CRAWFORD, W. M.

R. A. M.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

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The Seattle Post says the ten tons of oysters received by Mr. McLellan have been successfully planted in their beds above the gorge.

Capt. Dale has developed an 8-foot vein of coal in the Northern Pacific mine at Coaledo, Oregon, about six feet of which is marketable and of an excellent quality.

A specimen of magnetic iron ore taken from the industrial iron company, near Snoqualmie Pass, weighs forty pounds and contains 85 per cent of iron of very fine quality.

Grizzlies have proved so destructive to cattle in the Sprague river valley, Klamath county, Oregon, that stock-raisers have offered a bounty of \$30 for each bear captured.

Legal blanks furnished at this office on short notice at less than San Francisco prices.

We received, says the Yamhill Reporter, a pleasant call yesterday afternoon from Mr. Wortman, who is interested in the Bank, to be opened here. He informed us they expected to begin business about the last of December.

We have on hand at this office a new stock containing latest designs in ladies and gentlemen's cards, business cards, &c., which we print at very low figures. Call and get some of them.

The Lock company, has at last concluded to repair the washout of last winter, says the Oregon City Enterprise. Cribwork, is being constructed, which will be filled in with rip-rap. The work is being superintended by Mr. Jos. Hedges.

The Northern Pacific Railroad will cross the Columbia river three miles above Ainsworth. From there it is eighty-five miles to Yakima and then eighty miles to the summit, where the road is to cross the Cascade range, says the Standard.

Baker City Tribune: The deposit and shipment of \$100,000 in gold-dust and bullion from this city during the past ten days may do much to dispel the uneasiness caused by the croakings of a few chronic, who continually assert that our mines are of but little value.

Seattle Chronicle Items

The Umatilla arrived from San Francisco yesterday at noon, bringing about 200 tons of freight.

General activity is manifested by the street contractors in the work of laying sidewalks.

A number of Portland insurance men are in the city adjusting the losses occasioned by the recent fire.

A large quantity of iron bolts, to be used in railroad construction, were carried out on the train yesterday.

Nearly a hundred bales of White river hops are stored on the City dock, ready for shipment to the east.

A herd of 150 cattle were brought from over the mountains a few days ago by Brockett, quartered for the winter on the stock farm of T. M. Alvord, near White river.

Victoria's Boom.

Victoria, B. C., which has heretofore been considered a rather unprogressive, though very pretty town, now boasts of a boom. Real estate commands almost fabulous prices and the city is growing rapidly. The Colonist estimates the population at 9,000, being an increase of 2500 in eighteen months. Victoria is certain to become the real terminus of the Canada Pacific trans-continental road, for though its insular location is a drawback, the advantage of being the capital of the province will cause it to remain the abode of whatever wealth and fashion British Columbia can boast. Its location is one of great natural beauty and the advantages it owes to nature have been improved to the utmost. There are no roads and drives on the Pacific coast which can compare with those around Victoria and the pretty cottages and shrubbery make the town a little paradise. As a business centre, its greatest disadvantage, next to being on an island instead of on the mainland, is that it is three miles distant from Esquimalt, its seaport, though the latter has one of the best harbors on the coast. But if Victoria had no backing except the resources to be found on Vancouver island, those alone should be sufficient to make her, in time, a city of considerable importance. Vancouver island is half as large as Ireland and is naturally a much richer country, having extensive and valuable mines of coal, quarries of freestone and forests of useful timber. The United States once came near acquiring Vancouver, and it is a great pity that it was allowed to fall to the share of the English.—S. F. Alta.

HUMAN RUINS.

Drawn True to Experience in Human Life.

We are all of us builders, some selecting their material well and building with great care and patience, others choosing whatever is most pleasing to the eye for the moment, not taking into consideration the real worth and durability of the article, not realizing that whatever is put into these human houses of ours can never be removed or replaced by a better article.

In building a house the workmen are always careful to have a good foundation. If the foundation is insecure, or the material is rotten the builders may labor all they will, they may expend all the money they like, but the building will soon become a ruin.

As in a building the foundation is of chiefest importance, so in these human houses of ours the foundation of our actions and designs is what determines our lives for good or evil. If we build upon integrity, honor and truth we will have a building that will withstand the storms of time. But if our honor is only seeming, if our integrity is mere outward show and if at heart we are scheming, treacherous and dishonest, we will soon become a human ruin.

As an insecure corner stone has caused the ruin of the finest buildings, so the giving way of a principle that was not firmly enough fixed has wrought many a human ruin. Perhaps every individual has some weak point, some besetting sin. It is therefore necessary this point be most carefully guarded. Our principles should be founded upon reason and truth, and never be departed from unless firmly convinced by some stronger argument. Every departure from principle renders us more susceptible to temptation. Every yielding on our part weakens the strength of principle; and if continued will overcome it altogether. It is much easier for the upright man to be honest than the habitual thief; easier for the truthful man to speak the truth under all circumstances than the habitual liar; and every indulgence in any sin makes it harder to overcome. While the causes of human sins are very many, there has been more ruin wrought by intemperance than anything else. Drink has ruined many of the brightest intellects of our land. It has seized with an awful grip delicate organizations and finely strung systems; it has gone into every profession and every grade of life and left destruction in its tracks; it has ruined fathers, disabled mothers and killed children; it has peopled the insane asylums, the poor houses, the prisons and the gallows. Drink has cost our country more than all the wars that have devastated our land; it has caused more sorrow, ruined more lives and cost more money than any other type of crime.

How often we have seen the very brightest boy of our class, the one most favored by fortune and with the promise of the most brilliant career fall before the demon intemperance. He loved the social glass, he loved to mingle in the crowds around the saloon and "have a good time." He was not afraid of the drunkard's fate. Perhaps he scoffed at kindly friends who warned him of coming ruin. Harm in wine? Why, his mother had it on the table every day; his father drank it; his sisters daintily sipped it and offered it to their guests; wine never hurt him; no fear but he could restrain his appetite; besides there was nothing like wine to fire the brain; it made him eloquent; words came to his lips like magic and won for him applause and honor; but the time came when it was not so; the thirst grew stronger; it could no longer be set aside at will; the intellect became dulled; he lost his popularity; woman grew to shun him; his clothes became shabby and his credit poor; his eyes no longer kindled with the fire of eloquence, but were dull and red and his friends fell away from him like leaves before the autumn frost; as he fell he gained more and more momentum; and the end of what might have been a crown of glory to his country, a mighty work to inspire other generations, was that most pitiable of human ruins, the common drunkard.

Another prominent cause of human ruin is extravagance and its consequence, debt. Something nice is wanted; perhaps our neighbors have it, it cost money which is not in hand, but no doubt soon will be. What is easier than to borrow or to buy on credit? A debt is contracted; the coveted article is bought, used and

gone; then the expected revenue fails to come in. But what matter? The creditor can wait. Meanwhile other nice things invite; other debts are contracted; they come due and there is nothing with which to pay them; the habit of lying is formed to make excuses; self respect is lost and so is the respect of others; life is one continual worry; sleep is drove from the pillow, peace from the heart; he cannot look men in the face when he meets them; the hope of being able to pay is at last given up; and to retrieve his fallen fortunes he tries a scheme the success or failure of which is alike disgraceful; he is ruined and like other human ruins it involves the ruin of others.

An uncontrolled ambition is often the cause of human ruin. Not content to climb with arduous labors to the topmost heights, the ambitious aspirant would by some means leap to the very highest pinnacle. It is a law of labor that, taken in a general sense, nothing is rightfully ours except what we pay for by a requisite amount of toil, and everyone who wishes to succeed must begin at foothills and manfully climb to the top. It is as impossible for anyone to acquire true greatness without long and arduous toil as it is for the child to attain the strength of a man in a single night. This is a wise provision, for if we had greatness suddenly thrust upon us we would know how to use it but little better than a child would know the duties of a man. Many attempt to acquire greatness by the seeming, rather than the real. Their honor is but a cloak, their hearts a white sepulcher. Such a one usually rises suddenly upon our vision. He progresses rapidly, he lives in ease and luxury; he has money in abundance and lives literally on the fat of the land; he gets into office and rides upon the topmost wave of public favor, and his state or nation rings with his praise. Friendship is to him but a means of his own aggrandizement and he would not hesitate to grasp new honors though to do so he must step over the prostrate body of a friend. But ere long there is a crash; he has lived beyond his means; he has won popularity by schemes and intrigues and people realize that without he has been "fair to look upon but within was filled with dead mens bones and all uncleanness."

Many a human ruin has been wrought by a very trivial thing. We are wont to hold an hour or a day as a very trifling possession, yet every hour decides a thousand destinies. Habits which causes so many human ruins are acquired by individual yielding to temptation. Habit may surround us until like the imprisoned fly in the spiders web the victim wakes only to find himself in toils from which he can never get free. We are creatures of growth and many of those startling crimes that blot the pages of history and cause our very blood to run cold began with very little things. A single vote has ere this turned the fate of nations and an unintentional slight of an ambassador has kindled a furious war.

The lack of energy has worked many a human ruin. Many who might have been great and successful have failed from lack of energy. Men uniformly overrate money and underrate their own strength. The former will do far less than we suppose, the latter far more. "The longer I live" says an illustrious writer "the more I am convinced that the great difference between men, between the feeble and the powerful, the great and the insignificant, is energy invincible determination, a purpose once fixed then death or victory. Energy will do anything that can be done in this world and no circumstance, no talent, no opportunity will be worth much without it.

There are many other causes of human ruin, love of money, vanity selfishness, idleness and many others. A ruin was never wrought by circumstances alone, but always from some failure on the part of the individual. The right can never become a ruin and we have the experience of thousands that have preceded us to show that many who have by intrigue and hypocrisy succeeded for a time have ended their days in ruin; while those who have toiled faithfully will have in the end received their reward. The Bible tells us of a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and when the flood arose the stream beat vehemently upon th t house, but could not shake it; for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great. STELLA.

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Tuesday Dec. 4th.—Prof. Emery; The Horse, with illustrations.

Tuesday Dec. 11.—Prof. Hawthorne: Botany.

Tuesday Dec. 18th.—Dr. Farrar: The Digestive Organs.

Tuesday Dec. 25th.—at City Hall.—Musical and Christmas Entertainment.

Tuesday Jan. 1st.—Colloquy by Oregon Pioneers: Dr. Bailey, Hon. J. B. Smith, Hon. B. W. Wilson, and others.

Tuesday Jan. 8th.—Devotional meeting in harmony with the week of prayer, conducted by the Pastors of the city.

Tuesday Jan. 15th.—Hon. W. S. McFadden: Election and music.

Tuesday Jan. 22nd.—Hon. John Kelsay: The Growth of Law.

Tuesday Jan. 29th.—Musical Entertainment in the city Hall.

Tuesday Feb. 5th.—Hon. John Burnett: Some Eccentricities of Law.

Tuesday Feb. 12th.—Shakespearean Recitations by Hon. George Waggoner, and others.

Tuesday Feb. 19th.—C. C. Hogue Esq: The Electric Telegraph and its Marvels.

Tuesday Feb. 26th.—Frank Butler Esq: Some Points of Scientific Farming.

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