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SOCIETIES

R. A. M.

Fe. Mason Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., meets Thursday evening on or preceding full moon. W. C. CRAWFORD, H. P.

A County Joke

Last Monday a fellow giving his name as Jas. Linton, entered the hardware store of Mr. J. D. Clark in this city, and asked the clerk to exchange a box of cartridges for another of the same kind only a smaller size, saying he had bought the box there a few days previous but they were too large. The clerk gave the stranger a box the size he called for in exchange for the one he had, and after he left the store the clerk thought to examine the box of returned cartridges. He found the box nicely sealed, etc., but on opening it was surprised to find that it contained several kinds of a log chain and other scraps of iron instead of unused explosives. Marshal Pygall arrested the man the same afternoon, and in the city recorder's court he pleaded innocence, saying "he did it only for a joke." He left \$15.00 with the recorder, to be reclaimed when he brought witnesses from Springfield, Lane county, to prove his previous reputable character.

Contract Completed.

Mr. G. W. Hunt, the well known railroad contractor, having finished his contract on the Pataha branch, returned to Corvallis last Monday morning. He with his force of men, teams and implements left Corvallis on the last day of October, and began grading on the 5th day of November, and on the 12th day of the present month he completed 14 miles of grading on that road. He shipped his stock and implements to Portland where they arrived Saturday evening and everything but the stock was transferred to one of the O. R. & N. Co's. boats and arrived here about 12 o'clock Sunday night. The horses and mules were driven overland from Portland and arrived here Wednesday. Mr. Hunt informs us that it is expected that trains will be running over that road by the first of the New Year.

Behind the Prison Bars.

The festivities of the holidays now upon us have been looked forward to by all with a degree of pleasure and how to make the most of the occasion has been a study by many. A Mr. Wm. Coal, with this idea in view and his exchequer being very limited, last Tuesday entered the wagon shop of Mr. Hornung in this city and took therefrom a number of tools and sold them to Mr. Neil, at the second-hand store. He enjoyed possession of his ill-gotten coin but a short time, as Marshal Pygall was put on his track and "run him down" in a short time after the transaction. Wednesday he had an examination before the county judge, in the absence of the justice of the peace, and was given thirty days in jail, where he will enjoy (?) the festivities of the holidays.

Land Slides and Washouts.

At this season of the year railroad travel is more or less delayed by land slides and washouts, caused by the heavy rains. This of late has been the case on the O. & C. road, the Northern Pacific and other mountainous roads. It is gratifying to the managers of the Oregon Pacific to know that no washouts have occurred on their road, and no land slides to delay the regular trains, although it was expected that such would be the case considering that it is a newly constructed road and through a mountainous district. The late heavy rains have caused no delays to the regular passenger train.

The Teachers Institute.

The teachers institute to be held in this city on the 29th and 30th inst., promises to be one of unusual interest. The Professors of the Agricultural college, Philomath college, Monmouth State Normal school and Prof. Rigler, ex-county superintendent of Polk county, and other prominent educators will be in attendance and assist in the exercises of the institute. The entertainment on the evening of the 30th given by the Thespian Club will be an interesting feature of the exercises. See the programme of both the institute and the drama in another column.

The "Wishbone" Wedding.

The "wishbone" wedding has become the correct thing. The couple stand beneath a floral wishbone. After the ceremony the bride and groom are given the wishbone to pull. The tug results in a break somewhere and whoever holds the long piece is absolved from getting up to build fires in the morning.

The fields are green, flowers are in bloom in the open air and up to this time, save one or two chilly days, we have seen no sign of winter. This is indeed pleasant, but after all one's thoughts will turn irresistibly today, to where the world lies under its mantle of glistening frost and snow, where the skater's song and the jingling sleigh bells add music to the Christmas glee, and where the children are wont to sing at this time:

O Christmas, Merry Christmas Sweet herald of good will, With holy songs of glory Brings holy gladness still. For peace and hope may brighten And patient love may glow As we listen in the starlight To the bells across the snow.

HERE AND THERE.

All goods at cost at Whitney's closing out sale.

E. O. Chamness has a full line of latest publications.

Claude Warren was in the city Monday night on business.

Men's furnishing goods at cost at Whitney's closing out sale.

W. C. Woodcock, of Monroe, was in the city this week on business.

E. O. Chamness carries a full line of ladies writing material.

Hon. C. B. Moore, of Salem, was in Corvallis on business this week.

Rev. J. T. Wolfe will preach at Philomath next Sunday morning and at Corvallis in the evening.

Rev. G. W. Beckett will conduct divine worship at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday morning.

Mr. Prescott of the steamer Isabel, complains that it is difficult to get good wood on the river above Corvallis.

Miss Mary Monteith returned from Portland this week, and we are pleased to state, is much improved in health.

Miss McFadden, formerly of this place but now of Monmouth, Polk county, is visiting friends in Corvallis this week.

Miss Grace Hanna returned from the Bay Friday, sick. Her many friends will be pleased to hear of her convalescence.

New Carpets, Oil cloths and Window shades this week. Window shades made to order.

Rev. J. A. Hanna, pastor of the Presbyterian church at La Canas, is spending the holidays in Corvallis with his daughters.

Entire stock of clothing and furnishing goods at reduced prices prior to annual stock taking. S. L. KLINE.

W. B. Chase returned from Portland Monday, where he was in pursuit of data for the new map upon which he is at work.

Call on Telt Burnett for bargains in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, furnishing goods, etc. First door north of S. L. Kline.

A rare literary treat awaits those who will hear Prof. Ellis lecture at Pitman's Hall Sunday evening, on Hymns, and their authors.

The ladies who will receive calls on New Year's day will confer a favor upon their friends by making the fact known through the GAZETTE.

J. W. Brasfield, the leading merchant of Newport, was in Corvallis last Monday evening on business, and returned home Tuesday morning.

Owing to a bridge on the Yaquina river below Little Elk postoffice being washed out the Yaquina mail is this week being carried on the O. P. train.

The Ladies Coffee Club will meet at Young America engine hall next Monday afternoon at the usual hour. Members are requested to attend.

Mr. Wm. Pitman has placed in his hall an elegant new pulpit, which will be highly appreciated by the ministers who preach there from time to time.

Mrs. Mary Fenton, of Eugene, was in Corvallis last Friday night, returning home from the Fenton-Collins wedding at Dallas on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Hanson, the evangelist, intended to visit Corvallis at the conclusion of her work in Portland, but was obliged to abandon the idea on account of failing health.

Improvements amounting to several hundred dollars are soon to be made upon the north Methodist church, which when completed will make that building very neat and attractive.

The Methodist Episcopal denomination propose holding what is termed a "watch-night meeting" at their church in this city on the evening of the 31st inst., commencing at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

Last Monday, which no doubt seemed a week or more long to the youngsters in view of the coming Christmas, was the shortest day of the year, and the time when, according to the almanacs, the curtain fell upon Autumn and Winter was ushered in.

W. B. Rice, who has held a position with the O. & C. railroad company at Albany for so many years has resigned that position and accepted one with the Oregon Pacific railroad company. He will act as traveling and soliciting agent and will begin his labors next week.

Olney McLagan, although an efficient nightwatch, is not so popular with Johnnie Huffman's pet fox. Being assured of his fox's docile qualities, Olney attempted to cross him one day last week, and is now well aware of the sharpness of the fox's teeth.

Last Monday morning while at the Blair wharf unloading the steamer Mr. G. W. Hunt fell from the slippery gang plank into the river, and is now prepared to give any information in regard to the bed of the river at that place. A rope was thrown him and he was rescued without any bodily harm, only being considerably wet.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening of each week the Occidental Hotel is crowded to its utmost capacity with guests, which is evidence of the increasing travel over the Oregon Pacific. On the other evenings of the same week, the hotel is more like a grave yard than the leading hotel of a prosperous city.

It might be amusing to see the same joke tried in Corvallis at the saloon keepers of Baker City perpetrated on some of the citizens of that place. By a preconcerted action they closed their doors on Sunday morning without giving previous notice. To see numerous individuals in a vain search for their accustomed morning cheer-me-up must have been touching.

Mose Kline returned from Portland last week.

Boys clothing at cost at Whitney's closing out sale.

Nobby Hats at cost at Whitney's closing out sale.

Hon. W. P. Keady returned from the South this week.

Toys exceedingly cheap during the holidays, at Will Bro's.

Corsets, Kid gloves and parasols, at cost at Whitney's closing out sale.

Men and boy's shoes and boots at cost at Whitney's closing out sale.

Miss Lizzie Graham, of Toledo, was in the city the first of the week.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church to-day at eleven o'clock.

Don't forget that E. O. Chamness is selling school books at Portland prices.

A fine line of velvet and plush picture frames and mirrors at E. O. Chamness'.

A new stock of mens and boys hats and caps, the latest styles cheap, at J. W. Hanson's.

A large and well selected stock of cloths the latest styles to make up cheap at J. W. Hanson's.

Al. Houck, of Monroe, passed through Corvallis Thursday morning, en route for Astoria.

Step in and look at the 'new' ready made clothing for men, youths and boys at J. W. Hanson's.

Col. T. Egerton Hogg, accompanied by Dr. Rich, departed by a special train last Sunday.

You can get a fine white shirt for \$1, and fine under clothing in proportion, at J. W. Hanson's.

Rev. J. Bowersox, P. E. will preach at the Evangelical church Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock.

Job printing executed with neatness and dispatch, and at the lowest living rates at the GAZETTE office.

Doors, window sash, etc., in stock and supplied without delay at low prices at Woodcock & Baldwin's.

Grand preparations are being made for the street parade of the "Colored Coons from the Sunny South," on the afternoon of Dec. 31st.

Prof. Wm. Crowhurst will give a free lecture on temperance in this place at the city hall Friday evening, Jan. 1st 1886. All are invited.

Mrs. Warner went to Portland Thursday morning to spend the holidays. She will return to her class in painting, in the College on the 6th of Jan.

Immigrants are still coming into the valley, looking for homes. If you have farms to sell or rent, make it known through the columns of the GAZETTE.

The ladies' social at Pitman's hall Tuesday evening was a success in many ways and thanks to the ladies who provided so many fine things to be sold there, a financial success.

We desire correspondence from all parts of the state, and invite discussions upon all sides of every important issue of the day. All matters for publication should reach us Tuesday or Wednesday.

The prizes to be given the best sustained lady and gentleman character, and also the finest costume at the masquerade are on exhibition in the show window of Jacobs & Neugass. They are well worth contending for.

Corvallis has an artist of unusual ability in the person of Miss Nettie Pitman, who exhibited a water color at the ladies social Tuesday evening, not to be excelled, we venture to say, by any artist in the state.

Last night the holiday festivities began in good earnest. At the various churches were trees, arches, and what not, laden with fine gifts for old and young. With pleasant talk and cheerful songs the time passed all too soon.

The GAZETTE in wrappers, ready to mail to your friends abroad, only ten cents per copy. Business men who cannot find time to write social letters to their friends can send them their local paper, in lieu thereof, at an insignificant expense.

We are requested to say that interesting exercises are being prepared for the Christmas service to be held at Pitman's hall Sunday evening, including an address by Prof. Ellis, of Forest Grove. A general invitation to be present is extended which it is hoped many will accept.

A certain man from Yaquina wonders if the person who gave Capt. Winant that boat story, which we copy from the Mail today, is not the same one who fell from a cliff so high, that the green apples he had in his pocket grew ripe and rotted before he reached the ground.

A dispatch to the Oregonian of the 19th inst, from Olympia, says: "Articles of incorporation were yesterday filed in the secretary's office, for the construction of a line of railway between either Olympia or Centralia and Gray's Harbor, in that territory. The incorporators are W. C. Goodell, W. P. Keady and W. H. Roberts. Capital \$1,000,000.

The executive committee of the Oregon State Agricultural Board met in Salem last week. They decided to offer a fine gold, silver and bronze medal for a military contest at the next fair, and to charge them no fee for entry in the contest. The rules will be the same as those under which the contest was held last Fourth of July at the celebration at Portland.

Mrs. Addition returned Tuesday from Portland and Oregon City, where she had been in the interests of the W. C. T. U. work. At the latter place she addressed a large audience, assembled to meet her in the Baptist church, and on the following day visited the public schools, having a special invitation to speak to the boys upon the "Evils of the Tobacco Habit."

The Week of Prayer.

Union meetings will be held during the week of prayer, commencing Sunday Jan. 3rd, at the College Chapel, and continuing every evening for one week at the Evangelical church. The following programme is announced:

Sunday Jan. 3rd, preaching morning and evening, by Rev. John Reid.

Topics for exhortation and prayer at the evening meetings.

Monday Jan. 4th, Praise and Thanksgiving.

Tuesday Jan. 5th, Humiliation and Confession.

Wednesday Jan. 6th, Home and Foreign Missions.

Thursday Jan. 7th, The Church and Family.

Friday Jan. 8th, Nations and Governments.

Saturday Jan. 9th, The Christian Life.

Sunday Jan. 10th, Preaching, morning and evening. All are invited to attend and participate in the meetings.

A Christmas Idyl.

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house not a creature was stirring except the family goat who wandered through the pantry window in search of a suitable article with which to do the Santa Claus act at his little home on Christmas morn. He espied the article of his desire on the topmost shelf, but could reach it not and went away sorrowing. Now the tears of a goat are rare and always melting, and the heart of the ostrich gave way as he gazed upon them in the starlight, I will aid you my son, he said, I am high, I can reach anything. So they went together to the pantry, and the great bird lifted up his head seized the object of the goat's desire and swallowed it. It is not suitable for you said he to his humble friend, it was made for me, it is a stove lid. But even the great wise ostrich was mistaken: It was a Christmas pie, and the noble bird is no more.

A Big Offer.

Every lady coming to examine the samples of sewing, next Thursday will receive a ticket. The 50th ticket drawn from a box will receive a nice finished New Home sewing machine. Be sure and avail yourself of this opportunity, at Will Bros.

Holiday Goods.

Before purchasing your holiday goods or making presents to your wife, mother, brother, sister—or some other fellow's sister, call at P. P. Grefox's and examine his stock of elegant clocks, watches, or anything in the jewelry line. His stock is full and complete and at prices to suit the times.

Election Notice.

There will be a Special Election held at the office of T. J. Blair on the first Monday in January, 1886, to fill the office of Mayor, for the unexpired term, caused by the resignation of John Osburn. E. H. TAYLOR, City Recorder.

Money and Collections.

In order to accommodate my customers who place good reliable notes and mortgages in my hands for collection, so long as this notice appears, I will assist them to find money to use while such demands are being collected. M. S. WOODCOCK.

Strayed.

A bay filly two years old, with black mane and tail, and parrot mouth, (the under jaw being about one inch the shortest,) and about 15 and one-half hands high, strayed from Mr. Mulkey's pasture in this country. Any information leading to the recovery of the same will be thankfully received by J. R. Scrafford, Corvallis Oregon.

Cloaks and Jersey Jackets.

Having a large stock of these goods on hand I will now offer them at greatly reduced prices in order to close before spring. Call early and get a bargain of J. M. NOLAN.

Christmas Goods.

Mr. W. T. Huffman, at the Postoffice Confectionary and News Depot has just received a large and well selected stock of holiday goods. Go and see them, and get prices, and you may rest assured of being pleased.

Bankrupt Stock.

M. P. Barnett has opened a stock of bankrupt goods one door north of S. L. Kline's. The stock consists of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, furnishing goods, etc. The same will be sold very cheap for cash only. Call early and secure bargain.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between R. M. Thompson & Son and J. P. Irvine is by mutual consent dissolved. We take this means of extending to the public our thanks for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon us. R. M. THOMPSON & SON, J. P. IRVINE.

The business will be continued at the old stand by Irvine & Herschner, and we would respectfully ask for them the same liberal patronage bestowed upon us. THOMPSON & IRVINE.

\$500 Exhibit.

The New Home sewing machine company will make an elegant exhibit next Thursday and Friday at Will Bros. store; \$500 worth of silk satin, etc., sample work will be shown; the like of which was never seen in the valley outside of Portland.

At the annual election of officers of Rock y Lodge, No. 75 A. F. & A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. S. Woodcock, W. M.; Z. Job, S. W.; T. J. Blair, J. W.; M. Stock, Treasurer; J. O. Wilson, Secretary; H. E. Harris, Tyler. Installation Saturday, December 26th.

Eleventh Annual Institute.

For Benton County.

To be held at Corvallis, Ore. Dec. 29, 30, '85.

PROGRAMME:

MORNING SESSION. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 10 o'clock.

Institute Work Supt. Milner.

ORGANIZATION.

Methods of teaching Ment 1 Arithmetic Prof. Rankin, Philomath College.

Method of teaching Primary Spelling (with class) Miss Fannie Campbell.

Teaching Postial History C. C. Hogue.

What motives and incentives to study ought to be appealed to? Prof. Bristow and others.

Declaration—The Old Methodist's Testimony Johnny Wolfe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Declaration—What a lit le girl said, Miss Nonnie Brown.

Methods in Division, Prof. Johnson, Philomath College.

Method of teaching History (with class) E. H. Bennett.

Lessons in English Supt. Yates, Normal School.

Commercial Education Prof. Sheak, Philomath College.

Are public examinations and exhibitions advisable? Pres. Miller and others.

Declaration—"Barbara Frietchie," revised Eugene Allphin.

EVENING SESSION, 7 O'CLOCK.

Music.

Address of Welcome Prof. Grimm.

Response President Miller, Philomath College.

Music.

Declaration Miss Addie Kelly.

Lecture—The English Language, President Stanley, Normal School.

MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 9 o'clock.

New Method of Cube Root W. H. Holman.

Method of teaching Mental Arithmetic (with class) Prof. Bristow, Agricultural College.

Method of teaching Orthography Joseph Bryan.

Method of teaching Geography D. W. Jarvis.

Reading and Elocution President Miller.

Declaration—A School Day. Lyman Kelsay.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1 O'CLOCK.

Declaration—Baldheaded Man. Miss Eda Belknap.

Vocal Music in our Schools. W. E. Cressy.

Oral Lessons in English, with class. Supt. Milner.

Importance of Chemistry in Public Schools Prof. Grimm.

Composition Work Prof. Frank Rigler.

Normal Work President Stanley.

Declaration—"Rock of Ages". Miss Jessie Bailey.

EVENING SESSION.

"ABOVE THE CLOUDS."

A Drama in Two Acts.

Phil Ringold—Crazy Phil, Mountain Hermit Dave Osburn.

Alfred Thorpe—City Nabob. Robt. Johnson.

Amos Gaylord—Country Gentleman. E. H. Bennett.

Howard Gaylord—Gaylord's son Telt Burnett.

Titus Turtle—A Gourmand W. St. Clair.

Curtis Chipman—Chips in the rough Thomas Callahan.

Nat Naylor—Thorpe's Protege Harry Rogers.

Grace Ingalls—Young Artist Miss Lizzie Wolfe.

Hester Thorne—Gaylord's Housekeeper Miss Emma Rogers.

Lucy Gaylord—Gaylord's Daughter. Nellie Blair.

Lucretia Gerriah—So romantic Inez St. Clair.

Reserved seats at P. M. Zierolf's 50 cents; admission 25 cents.

Proceeds to defray expense of Institute.

MARRIED.

McLAGAN, SLATE.—In this city, Sunday evening, December 20th, 1885, by Justice G. W. Quivey, Mr. R. A. McLagan and Miss Mary Slate.

The GAZETTE extends congratulations and wishes for prosperity and happiness.

BORN.

WOODCOCK.—In the Belknap settlement, west of Monroe, to the wife of Fulton Woodcock a son.

DIED.

MILLER.—Monday, Dec. 21st, 1885, near Newport, Mrs. Marth Miller, aged about 75 years.

The remains were brought to this place by the Wednesday evening train, and taken to Milner Station, Linn county for interment.

Every infant girl, daughter, woman, mother and grandmother should attend the sewing exhibit at Will Bros. next Thursday and Friday.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the Postoffice at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, Friday Dec. 25th, 1885. Persons calling for same will please say "advertised," giving date of advertisement:

Bier H Bane S P
Baker T C Caine Mrs M E
Davidson M E Daniels Rosa
Gibson Mrs M Hassler Ella
Hutchinson C M Mitchell T B
Moffitt W H Rainwater Emma
Rienhart L B Read Laura
N. B. BARBER, P. M.

COLLEGE COLUMN.

EDITED BY THE ADELPHIAN SOCIETY.

This is a world of progress and every succeeding age brings its discoveries, inventions and reforms. Many vicissitudes have marked the progress of the human race in its march down the ages. At times it has sped forward under the accelerating influence of some great reform; and again it has been checked and thrown back in its course by the blighting influence of war and vice. At the burning of the Alexandrian library (A. D. 640), the great storehouse of knowledge at that age, the labored compilations of centuries were lost. During the Roman and Grecian period a more near approach to perfection was attained in the fine arts and literature than we can boast of at the present day; but through