

CORDIALLY RECEIVED.—Mr. 1890 was ushered into Corvallis a few minutes after 12 o'clock on Tuesday night last by the ringing of nearly every church bell, the blowing of several steam whistles, and explosions of numerous bombs, fire-crackers, firing of guns, etc. A large number of people were yet on the streets owing to the late hour of the ending of the drama given by the amateur society, and all helped make merry the occasion. Truly there is always one time in a year when you are perfectly free to open yourself to wildness—that is during the first hour of a new year. When Old Sol raised himself up from behind the mountains east of here in the morning, Corvallis with the surrounding scenery presented a beautiful sight.

AN ELEGANT TIME PIECE.—The manufacturers of the "gold and silver" shirt sometime ago offered several prizes to be given with a certain number of the shirts of their make that were sold. With every one disposed of a chance was given in a drawing to take place at some appointed time and the one who drew the lucky number, of course, won the watch. On Tuesday last, W. E. Paul, of this city, was showing his friends how luck had favored him by making his ticket the lucky one at the drawing which took place in Stock's store on that day. The watch is a very handsome gold one, and it proves one fact—that W. E. has had at least one clean shirt during the past twelve months.

NEW SYSTEM.—The new style of arranging the box seat for reserved seats in the opera house here, as gotten up and kept by C. L. Roberts, the jeweler, is a great improvement over the old system. Gum paper is used upon which the diagram of the sections, rows, and seats, is drawn, and when a seat is sold with reserve the original number is cut from the gummed sheet and attached directly onto the ticket, thus preventing any "second sale." It was brought into use on Wednesday night at the Lindsay theatre and showed how nicely it worked. When you purchase reserved seats hereafter there will always be a surety of being able to occupy them without entering a protest.

WORK SUSPENDED.—Says the Albany Herald, of the 1st inst.: "A special dispatch from Coe Station, on the eastern extension of the Oregon Pacific railroad, brings the intelligence that all the forces of men engaged in construction have been compelled to stop work on account of a heavy fall of snow. A force of 150 tracklayers arrived from the front last night and Orman & Crook's men will arrive in a few days. The snow may not delay the work many weeks, and the contractors will leave all their supplies at the front in order to go on with the work as soon as the snow goes off. It is now six feet deep at the front and it is still snowing."

ROYALLY TREATED.—The Independence West Side, of Dec. 27th, says: "There was a grand masquerade ball at Corvallis on Christmas night at which several hundred attended and several from this city. Warren Cressy, of this city took the character of 'Lord Cornwallis, 1776,' and when the award was made of the prize for the best all round dancer he was agreeably surprised to hear his name called, and he was presented with an eight dollar silk umbrella. Warren is being royally treated this Christmas, as he received a gold-headed cane and a diamond ring at the Christmas tree the other night."

A CARD.—If any one in the city, where there is a child or children and the parents do not feel able to supply them with suitable picture books and papers, will communicate with me it will be a pleasure to supply them, to some extent, with these pleasant additions to the home life. This will be done with no publicity. I can thus accommodate those who wish to give as well as those who will receive. A. ROGERS, Pastor Cong'l church.

FINGER OFF.—J. Frady, a workman in the sawmill in this city, had the little finger of his right hand cut off on Tuesday afternoon while engaged in running the planer. Dr. J. B. Lee was called to attend to the wound.

L. G. Kline was in Albany a few hours on Monday last.

NEW YEAR DISTRIBUTION.

PACKAGES RECEIVED BY SOME CORVALLIS PEOPLE ON WEDNESDAY.

Just a few minutes after midnight on Tuesday last a shrill noise was heard as if of something approaching this city at a rapid rate. No sooner had the people, who had been aroused, found positions suitable to gaze at the passing object, when the electric fly-comotive pulling a long train of fly-baggers and flycoaches with Mr. and Mrs. 1890 on board came thundering along, its wings and fans beating the air at a terrific rate. This train remained here only a short time unloading some of its New Year freight and soon proceeded on its night's journey. A GAZETTE reporter, accompanied by his electric note-taker, visited the room where the freight was stored and secured a list of the persons receiving packages and a description of same, which is as follows:

Mayor J. B. Lee—A complete set of electric walking utensils.

Thos. E. Cauthorn—A new seat in the Oregon senate.

E. Holgate—A wagon load of thanks for his stand on the building of the new court house.

M. A. Canan—A five-story mansion with a good bank account to spend the rest of his days with.

F. M. Johnson—Many years of good health to enjoy his nice home and happy family.

Judge John Burnett—The next mayorship of Corvallis.

John R. Bryson—A higher position than an attorney-at-law.

Zeph Job—A hunting ground in his bank.

Rev. A. Rogers—A thrifty growth in his prime orchard.

E. Allen and E. Woodward—A modern-style drug store.

Dr. J. M. Applewhite—A Cleveland hat for '92, and a new laugh.

Robert Johnson—A blank marriage license and a set of wedding instruments.

J. M. Nolan—A continuance of his store in Corvallis.

Jesse Spencer—A larger room in which to move his barber shop.

L. L. Hurl—An arc dynamo.

Ol. Rose—A patent cigar roller and a new girl.

J. D. Clark—An immense trade in '90.

Joe Wilson—A girl to keep company with.

Wm. Mackay—A patent office-opener.

M. H. Kriebel—A position as cartoonist on some great daily, and a new bull-dog for '91.

Le. Beach—A promotion in the railroad office, with a pretty type-writer.

M. L. Pipes—Something soft to attend to.

John Kelsay—Consulship to Calcutta.

N. Baesen—A pair of high-heel boots to accompany his plug hat.

Alta S. Addison—A new pair of drama pants.

O. G. Hopkins—A regular Maud S. for next summer, and a life partner.

J. R. Scalford—The marshalship at the next city election.

J. Mason—Plenty of enjoyment during the rest of his life.

D. Howell—A city lot with a hemp hill.

H. Pape—A tobacco plantation, and a spittoon manufactory.

"Pete" Callahan—A kindergarten of his own.

R. Cox—A ton of glory and several more new projects.

J. W. Rayburn—A law office in the center of the court house tower.

C. L. Roberts—A larger room for his jewelry store.

B. W. Johnson—A hitchin' strap for himself.

Geo. Paul—A dime show all by himself.

Geo. Waggoner—The office of state treasurer.

Adam Assell—A nicely furnished restaurant.

W. Todd—A chance to get married.

Grandpaw Hitchens—A day position in a hotel.

NOVEL ADVERTISING.—Considerable merriment was caused not long since at Tacoma by the novel method of advertising adopted by the Humbolt House, corner of Fourteenth and A streets. One day a man was hired to parade a wheelbarrow with but one brick in it, all day, and his behavior was so outside the ordinary that he fooled even the police. In the morning this man took eight bricks and left one at each corner from Twelfth to Fourteenth street on Pacific avenue. Then with one brick in his barrow he started on the rounds. The first time he came to a brick he stopped, deliberately placed his brick on the ground, replaced it with the other, looked at his watch and moved on the same as before, at the next corner the operation was repeated. He refrained from answering any questions, and kept on his rounds in the same way until he came to the corner of Fourteenth street when he quietly went down to the Humbolt House, entered the bar, bought and paid for a drink, only to repeat the same performance over again. He was arrested for being crazy; but was released and the next day appeared with his wheelbarrow and a big Humbolt House placard. The newspapers talked about the crazy procedure and gave a hotel notoriety it had never heard before.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.—After a week's vacation, school re-opened last Monday with the usual attendance. Another room has been furnished, and Mr. Kittredge has been employed as assistant; the rooms are still comfortably filled. Miss E. E. Burnham has moved into the northwest room with her Kindergarten work; this leaves one vacant room in the building. The institute visitors viewed our building and expressions of admiration were heard on all sides. Quite a number of visitors have been to the school this week. There is a welcome for all who are interested in school work. The temperature of the rooms was too near freezing point Thursday morning to have school. When the new boiler is in there will be no difficulty.

AMATEURS.—The drama "Foiled," presented on Tuesday evening by some of the agricultural college students, in the city opera house, was largely attended by the citizens here. As nearly every one has heard that it proved to be quite a success on the part of the amateurs there is no need of giving a long criticism. In some portions of the different scenes the acting could have been greatly improved but only those having more experience and training could better it any. The persons taking the leading characters were Miss Jessie Waggoner, Miss Annie Allen, Miss Sarah Harris, Henry Allen, Chester Avery, G. S. Paul, and A. S. Addison. The net proceeds of the entertainment were something over \$55.

FORTY MORE.—Notwithstanding the fact of its being the holiday season, which is usually a quiet time in real estate, forty lots were sold in Job's addition this week by Ralston Cox, to residents of Portland, Boise City, Albany, Salem and Corvallis. People invest in this addition because it is the highest and best location, more buildings will be erected than in all other additions combined and prices are lower than elsewhere. These lots will show a decided advance in price this spring and you will make money by purchasing now.

ON THE 12TH.—There will be no services at the city hall next Sabbath. The Presbyterians expect to re-open their church Sabbath, January 12th, when they will extend a cordial welcome to all their former congregation and as many more who desire to make a church home with them. The church has been thoroughly repaired and refurnished and will be one of the most pleasant and comfortable churches in the valley.

LETTERS.—Advertised for January 4th, 1890: E. W. Bromham, Eta Crul, (2), David Huggins, Wm. Pugh, Layd & Burton, (8), Mrs. Jane Smith, Master Albert Swab, Miss Annie McDonald, Mikel Weigert. F. A. HELM, P. M.

FOR SALE.—A recorded short-horn bull, Aaron, five years old. Murray & Budgett, Corvallis, Or.

No dance in the city hall to-night. But one will be given next week without fail.

Hyers Sisters' concert company the next attraction in the opera house.

THE INSTITUTE LAST WEEK.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE THREE DAYS' SESSION.

On Thursday morning, Dec. 26th, at 10 o'clock Supt. McElroy opened the Second district teachers' institute at the city hall in Corvallis, by introductory remarks upon the topic, "What rules ought a teacher to make at the opening of his school." He says the state board of education have made some general rules, for the government of the schools of Oregon. Prof. J. M. Williams, principal of the Eugene schools, then stated he did not usually lecture the school the first morning, and read to them a system of rules. He thought it well to teach neatness by telling the pupils that he would each month examine the books of the pupils. Prof. Givens, of Linn county, followed with some good suggestions. He said rules applicable in one district would not be so in another. Prof. Rigler, of Oregon City, public schools said he understood the question to apply to our ungraded country schools. But shall we read a list of rules made by the teacher at the opening? He thinks a short address to the pupils is well, but good work is better. Rules should be made as they are needed. Rules should be expressed in simple language. Every rule should be rigidly enforced. Punishment should follow the violation of every rule. Pupils should help in the legislation if the teacher guides the sentiment. Rule-making is hazardous. Supt. J. G. Stevenson, of Lane county, favors outlining the work with few rules. Mr. Davis, of Douglas county, said he made no rules. Mr. Burns, of Douglas, said he made one rule—"Do Right."

Institute then adjourned to circuit court room on account of the cold weather.

Prof. Rigler then introduced the subject of "Primary Arithmetic." Provide counters of splints, pegs, objects of any kind. Test his ability to count with these objects. Teach him to number these objects. Drill him in rapid work. Then in combination work.

Prof. W. N. Hall, of state agricultural college, introduced for the initial subject in the afternoon, "The Value of Graphic Illustration." The speaker urged teachers to illustrate all their work. Teachers are not well qualified to teach unless they can practice free-hand drawing. Its value in teaching cannot be estimated.

"Methods of Securing Order," was introduced by F. M. Givens, of Newport. He advocates the idea of teachers becoming well acquainted with all the patrons of the school. Have the directors make rules for the school and rigidly enforce them. Prof. G. A. Walker, of Albany, did not believe a good idea to feel the pulse of the parents to find out what ails the child. Thought it better not to be acquainted with some parents. Thought the directors should have nothing to do with the rules. Prof. Frank Rigler, principal of the Oregon City schools, thought it a good idea to know all the parents, but not make them all bosom friends. Did not think directors should make rules for the government of the school.

Prof. Frank Rigler, by request, continued the subject of "Primary Arithmetic." He believes using methods that will make the work easy and yet practical. Use props, or helps, until the child is sufficiently advanced to not need them. A great deal of practice is needed in addition, as there are comparatively few persons, outside of accountants, who can add with rapidity and accuracy. Divide long columns in addition into sections of ten, etc., for convenience and accuracy. Prof. W. W. Bristow of the state agricultural college, did not think a child should walk by means of crutches or props. Believe that a child learns to add long columns as well as to divide a column into sums of tens and then add the sums. Prof. G. A. Walker, of Albany, did not exactly like the idea of proping a child up. Prof. Lane, of Chemawa, believed children should have arithmetic made easier to them. He thinks breaking a column of figures a good thing. The association then adjourned till 7:30. Before the appointed hour rolled around, streams of living humanity were pouring into the elegant and spacious court room of the new county court house, which was crowded to its utmost capacity.

Prof. W. E. Yates, principal Corvallis public schools, in his usual genial and hearty way, delivered the address of welcome. The speech was full of thought and feeling.

The "Response," by J. B. Horner, principal Roseburg public school, was replete with thought and sentiment. The address was listened to with rapt attention. The speaker is too popular a speaker throughout the state, to need an encomium from our pen.

Rev. W. Rollins, pastor First M. E. church, Salem, was then introduced, who addressed the assembly on the subject, "Heroism Modernized." Rev. Rollins is a popular lecturer, and upon this occasion delighted and instructed his hearers. The speaker believes there are heroes as great in humble homes as there are on battle fields. We need not look for heroes in the records of soldiers and martyrs, but go to the homes of many of our people. The speaker discussed many of the social problems of the day, and interspersed his discourse with humor.

Hon. Wallis Nash Esq. then read a paper on "The Agricultural College—its place in the educational system of the state." Mr. Nash, as on former occasions, did justice to his subject.

The evening's entertainment was highly interesting, and the whole was interspersed with excellent instrumental and vocal music.

On Friday morning the session began by a general discussion on "Proper motives and incentives to study." The pros and cons of giving banners, rewards, etc., were discussed, but the majority of the speakers

seemed to not be in favor of giving prizes. Prof. F. Berchtold, of the agricultural college, read an excellent paper on the "Importance of vocal music in schools. Music is an old art—art of prophets. Music is a discipline—makes people milder, gentler, more moral, etc. Strange its practice, in schools, should be questioned. The effect or influence of music will last long, because it is elevating. It is to be lamented that music is so much neglected in Oregon. Good songs cultivate the moral and esthetic nature of the child. Music should take important rank as a means of securing discipline and order. Our public schools should lay the foundation of morals, and music is their strongest factor. Music refines the taste enables the soul, softens the passions, and purifies the heart. Banish music from society, church, childhood, and half their charms are lost.

Supt. W. I. Reynolds, of Polk county, discusses the subject of "School Aids." Anything that will increase the efficiency and raise the standard is a school aid. Teachers must be prepared and in earnest—that is the first school aid; charts for reading, geography, physiology, etc., are indispensable in the school room. Teachers should make charts for their schools. Young teachers, especially, should have arithmetical charts. The best teachers should be in primary work.

Prof. J. M. Williams, principal Eugene schools, read a well written paper on the subject of "The Concrete in Teaching." The speaker showed that he understood his subject. Teach children to observe, to think, to search and to do. Teach words, etc., by illustrations. Use concrete for teaching children and not the abstract.

"Kindergarten Method"—illustrated by class, by Miss E. E. Burnham, Corvallis. The little children showed that they are well trained in their work. Miss Burnham is an excellent teacher in this line of work as her pupils will attest. The many designs worked by the children are unique. The assembly were delighted with the little people in their songs and play.

Miss Mary McFadden, of Portland, was introduced, who discussed the subject of "Color." There are many reasons why we should study color. Railroad companies must employ men who can distinguish color. Teach children the different colors—the primary and secondary. Teach the combination of colors; they help the child to appreciate the beauties of nature. In total, the paper was good.

Prof. G. A. Walker, of Albany, was introduced who read a masterly paper on the subject, "Examinations in Schools." Mr. Walker believes that physical examinations for citizenship, life insurance, etc., may be passed without, in books in school, cannot. Examinations fail of the purpose for which they were instituted. Written examinations are a test of memory, but not of knowledge. Cause of much cheating and dishonesty. Students sometimes review whole text-books in a day or two that require months to master—that is cramming. Just as long as written examinations are used just so long will the moral law be set aside. Examinations allow the indolent and trifling to pass as well as the studious and industrious. If schools are institutions for disseminating knowledge, these examinations must be dispensed with.

At the juncture of the programme an invitation was granted and accepted to visit the new public school building, and the agricultural college. Through the generosity of the Corvallis teachers and Hon. Wallis Nash, secretary board of regents agricultural college, the visiting members of the association spent an hour very pleasantly inspecting these buildings of learning. Many were the commendatory remarks made respecting building. These teachers from over the state will remember this visit to the public school, and college.

The lecturer of the second evening was Prof. Thos. Condon, state university, Eugene, subject, "The Lost Continent and its Relation to Oregon's Early Geological History." The professor, as he always does, held the attention of the audience from beginning to end. His discourse was highly interesting and instructive.

Miss Nettie Spencer pleased the audience with a recitation.

The music during the evening was excellent.

Saturday's session was opened by Prof. W. S. Gilbert, of Philomath, delivering an able discourse on the subject, "The School—the College." The speaker held his hearers spell-bound, as it were. His sentiments were unanimously concurred in. Just as long as written examinations are used just so long will the moral law be set aside. Examinations allow the indolent and trifling to pass as well as the studious and industrious. If schools are institutions for disseminating knowledge, these examinations must be dispensed with.

Prof. Campbell, of Monmouth, believes there is a spirit of integrity in the American people, and it can be brought out if properly worked upon in the children. Teach them to be honest by constantly bringing it before their minds.

Prof. W. Parker, Philomath, believes that teachers should be with their pupils during recesses. Prof. S. I. Pratt, of Newport, thinks pupils will or will not do as their teachers. Prof. Gilbert thinks a great deal might be done for the manners of pupils. Teach manners and morals. Prof. Sheak thinks pupils like to be on the popular side. Be careful and teach what is the popular, or better side.

Prof. Hall, discussed the methods of reading. Teach children to read naturally. Best educationists are children. We often ruin the child's elocution. Have children take their eyes from the book while reading.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved, First, That the thanks of this institute are due and are heartily tendered to the citizens of Corvallis for their generous hospitality in entertaining visiting teachers, and for their interest in the work of education shown by their attendance at the session of the institute.

Second, To the ladies and gentlemen comprising the committee on music and entertainment for the diligence with which they have performed the arduous duties assigned them.

Third, To the Southern Pacific and Oregon Pacific railway companies for the reduced rates granted by them to the members of the institute traveling over their line.

Fourth, To the eminent instructors and lecturers from abroad who have favored us with their presence.

Fifth, To the county commissioners and county judge of Benton county for the use of the court house.

Sixth, To all others who have contributed their time and effort in making this institute a landmark in the educational history of the state.

Thus ended a grand and glorious session of a hundred and thirty teachers of Oregon. The occasion will long be remembered in Corvallis.

IN BRIEF FORM.

Portland's population is placed at 64,567.

The agricultural college opens again to-day, after a vacation for the holidays.

President D. S. Stanley, of Monmouth, took the west side train for home on Monday.

Miss Jessie Waggoner entertained a few friends at her home on Tuesday evening, after the drama.

Miss Carl Hitchens returned from Albany on Monday, after visiting with relatives for a few days.

Miss Kate Carille, of Corvallis, who has been on an extended tour through eastern Oregon, returned home on Monday.

Several gun shots were heard near the center of this city on last Monday night. Suppose it was the work of the hoods.

Josh Mason left on Wednesday for Oakland, Cal., where he will join his family and remain until about the last of March.

Mrs. G. M. Powers, wife of the general purser on the N. S. Bentley, visited with relatives near this city during holiday week.

Bonstell & Co., of San Francisco, paper dealers, have furnished the GAZETTE with a very handsome calendar for '90. Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith entertained a large number of their friends on last Wednesday evening at their handsome residence.

F. M. Johnson has the thanks of GAZETTE for a supply of blotters, and calendars for '90. Mr. J. is a rustling insurance agent and attorney at law.

By Tuesday morning's west side freight train, cattle enough to fill four cars were taken to Portland. John Smith and N. Baesen were the shippers.

Mrs. R. M. Thompson had the misfortune to slip and fall on Wednesday last causing a severe strain to her back. She is reported improving.

Several of the Monmouth normal school students came over on the Oregon Pacific passenger on Monday and took the west side for their place of learning.

The public installation of the newly-elected G. A. R. and W. R. C. officers, of the order in Corvallis, occurs to-night at the hall on northwest corner of Second and Adams street.

Most every Sunday night about 10 o'clock, several of the young men of this city are troubled with "la grippe," judging from the way they hold down the front gates.

The Oregon Pacific river boats carry a large number of passengers on nearly every trip they make. One time the Bentley had eighty-nine on a round trip and seventy-six at another.

A party was given last Wednesday evening at the residence of J. P. and Mrs. Irvine, by their children. Quite a number of young people were present and all enjoyed themselves splendidly.

M. G. Lane, who was in Corvallis last week attending the institute, died at his home in Salem on Monday afternoon last. He had been in poor health previous to his trip to this city, and it is thought that the active part he took in carrying out the programme of the institute was too much for him. He was aged 64.

At the opera house, January 7th. What! The Hyers Sisters and their company of eighteen performers.

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