

TO BE IMPROVED.—A representative of the GAZETTE has been informed, by C. Hemphill, the lessee and manager of Corvallis' opera house, that several much-needed improvements are going to be made to that structure in a few months hence. A new floor will be laid by the 14th of next month—in time for the hook and ladder boys' ball. A gallery in the form of a half-circle will be the next change and this will have raised seats with the two first rows as reserves. The ceiling will be repainted, the walls clothed and covered with decorated paper and the stage given a general overhauling. Architect Stewart is now drawing the plans for the new gallery. "Cam" says that the lighting capacity of the building will be increased to thirty-five incandescents—with a large reflector and ten lights suspended in the center of the room. In the matter of heating the house it has not yet been decided what will be done. The words "city hall" should be dropped in the river, and let opera house be the name hereafter. It is time that something is done to this place for amusements, and with the change will come dramatic companies who have a first-class reputation as actors and not the snide shows that have been afflicting the people here for the past ten years. Of course, this house will be no Marquam Grand or Alcazar, but it will be good enough for anyone in these parts—providing, of course, the improvements are made.

AN AUTOMATIC EGG BOILER.—An ingenious little device has just appeared, which will put an end to one at least of the troubles by which the soul of the housewife is vexed. This consists of the little automatic boiler, a little clock which will stand on the range, with its face divided into four spaces of a minute each. Setting the pointer at the minute or fraction required, the eggs, contained in a wire basket suspended from a lever connected with the clock, remain in the boiling water the required length of time, when a ratchet is unlatched and the wire basket is lifted out of the water.

NEW LUMBER YARD.—The proprietors of the new lumber yard, J. W. Brown & Son, have an advertisement in this issue of the GAZETTE. They will have their yard situated on the vacant property belonging to P. Greffoz, near the depots, and intend to keep on sale the very best quality of lumber, etc. Their mill is situated on the line of the Oregon Pacific, in the Cascade mountains, about fifty miles east of here, where the timber stands in abundance and of different sizes which insures them a constant supply of logs to work up.

ONLY 60,000.—Several of the weekly papers over Oregon have been showing up what they done in their respective offices "this week"—and so on. Since Monday, the 13th inst., the GAZETTE office has turned out nearly 60,000 impressions in the j. w. line on its two presses, and steam was not used either. Considerable of this work was weighting down the job hook while the "grippe" was pulling down the proprietors, but the numerous patrons were a little patient, and we got there just the same.

SEND IN ITEMS.—The GAZETTE will consider it a great favor to get correspondence from Philomath, Toledo, Yaquina, and all the other towns in Benton county. Of course, such should be received here by Wednesday's mail in order to receive proper place in the reading columns. This paper should contain news from all over the county, but it cannot unless some kind friends assist it in the matter.

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

A SUBJECT FOR THE PEN.—Geo. Hadlock came to Corvallis about two weeks ago, and being related to a certain grass-widower of Corvallis, he was given board at the hotel of Mrs. Lou Powers during the time. He complained of not being in the best of health and laid around the house most of the time, occasionally doing an errand for Mrs. P. Things went along all right until Tuesday morning last when the young man had suddenly disappeared. About the same time Mrs. Powers discovered that \$25 in cash, \$60 in bank checks and three rings, that she had in her bedroom were also missing, besides \$2 which she had loaned the aforesaid y. m. It seems that the key to this fellow's room fitted the lock on the door of Mrs. P.'s private apartments, and knowing that her treasures were stored in there he concluded to make way with them. He left his valise and some other things in his room. The officers were immediately notified and are now on his track, he having been heard of in Portland on Tuesday night. The pen at Salem very likely will have him as a boarder before many months.

SALOON ROBBED.—Upon opening his saloon on Thursday morning Chas. Albrecht discovered that it had been invaded by burglars some time during the previous night. They had knocked out a pane of glass in the rear door and after unlocking it entered without any further difficulty. By means of a screwdriver the desk was forced open and cash to the amount of \$42 and a bank book were removed, also some cigars and a bottle or two of whisky. In the desk were several articles of value, such as a silver watch, gold nugget, gold ring, watch chain, etc., and it was seen that these had all been handled, as spots of blood were upon them. It seems that the thief, in breaking the window, had cut his hand on the glass, as blood was discovered in several places in the room, and the screwdriver was all besmeared. Where and what the police was doing about the time of the robbery nobody knows—this is an old story, though.

A NICE PRESENT.—John Spangler stepped into the GAZETTE sanctum on Tuesday with a grip in his hand which caused the reporter to think he had gone into the drummer's business. He laid it upon the table, and on opening it disclosed a beautiful silver solo cornet—he having been presented with it on Saturday night last. The persons from whom he received it were the members of the Presbyterian church of this city, in which place of worship he has been acting as cornetist to the choir for the past two years. The "musician" is of the very latest pattern made by the C. G. Conn manufactory, at Elkhart, Indiana. The case alone is a handsome one. John is very proud of his present and, no doubt, will keep up his same old reputation as a first-class musician for a long time to come.

THEIR OFFICE.—The gun store of G. Hodes has been moved back to the building in which it was formerly, near Knight's furniture factory. The cause for the move was the raise in the rent for the room in the Webber brick. This latter room will be occupied by the Corvallis land company, and the same is being fitted up now. Lyman is busy lettering the large windows, and, no doubt, when the company is already to commence business a nicer office cannot be found in Oregon.

RUSHING.—J. A. Knight is rushing his force of workmen in his furniture factory on account of the large trade he is having. Remember his stock of furniture is all home made—therefore, will always be substantial. He has a line of fancy chairs also that he carries.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Old folks' concert to-night. Admission, four shillings—50 cents.

If you want a loan on your farm, call at the office of Eglin & Long, Corvallis.

Everyday the need of a bridge across the Willamette at this city grows greater.

A. O. Eckelson and family are now residents of Portland. They moved there on Tuesday.

That was a scare head in the Scio Press last week. Must have some fine workmen up there, Coll.

The steamer went up as far as Harrisburg on Friday last returning with a lot of oats and hay.

Eglin & Long have something to say to you in the advertising columns of the GAZETTE this week.

The influenza in this city is beginning to be a thing of the past. There will be internal joy when it has entirely disappeared.

Two extra fine sheep were added to the list of stock at the agricultural college here last week, being secured from the farm of Tyra Smith.

Thos. Whitehorn has been on the sick list this week at the home of his parents near Cornelius, Washington county. He had been on a trip to Astoria.

Doc. Green Samp Leonadus Henderson is here from Seattle, having arrived on Tuesday. He says he will stay in the city about two weeks. Hard to believe.

Prof. E. Grimm, of the agricultural college, at Corvallis, was in the city yesterday arranging for the farmers' institute to be held in February.—Albany Herald, 21.

The Beach brothers have shipped four carloads of potatoes to San Francisco via Yaquina during the past ten days. They will realize a good price per bushel for them.

Advertised Jan. 24, 1890. Miss Jennie Brown, 2, B. Fruits, Geo. W. Jenkins, A. J. Jarigan, Wm. Kard, Mrs. M. Lindsay, Wm. S. McGaughrey. F. A. HELM, P. M.

Farmers in the mountains west of here are beginning to feel that their supply of feed for their stock may run short before spring. They have been compelled to deal it out very plentifully during the past month.

The U. P. company manages to get a steamboat up this far about twice a week. Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock the Orient arrived with some freight and started down about 9. She will very likely, be here again this morning.

It will surprise the basement story of the new school building terribly when it is seen how fast the new drains of tiling will carry the water away. The system of drainage all over this city could be improved by a little extra work just now.

Every one except postoffice clerks will hail the fact that the blockade on the Union Pacific is raised with a sigh of satisfaction.—Salem Statesman. The r. r. companies can now do away with snow plows and lay in a large supply of sighs for future use.

CULLED FROM EXCHANGES.

At present there are 116 newspapers published in this state; thirteen of these are dailies.

In 1889, nearly \$400 was received in the Portland collector's office for license to use oleomargarine in Portland.

The business of the La Grande land office for the year just closing has averaged in round numbers \$8,000 per month.

The State Land and Trust company of Salem have enlarged their business circle. W. F. Peck, manager has just returned from Corvallis, where he completed arrangements with seventy-four of Corvallis' best business men to cooperate with his company in business.—Salem Democrat.

Here is the law again: "Every supervisor shall erect and keep up at the forks of every highway and every crossing of public roads within his district, a guide or finger board containing an inscription in legible letters, direct-

ing the way and specifying the distance of the next town or public place situated in each road district."

Everybody in Yamhill county will remember Allen Kelley, who was a witness for the defence in the trial of Wilford McKune for the killing of Jas. Bewley. He has lately distinguished himself in San Francisco. He was one of two of the Examiner reporters who volunteered to rescue a fisherman from off a rock in the ocean directly opposite the life saving station.—Yamhill Reporter.

The most striking feature in the general growth of the Northern Pacific railroad the past three years is the most extraordinary increase of its earnings from the transportation of passengers. In 1886 the road carried an average of 40 passengers to each train and in 1889 an average of sixty. The gross passenger receipts increased in three years from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000, or 100 per cent.

A young man of Salem becoming engaged recently, was desirous of presenting his intended with a ring appropriately inscribed but being at a loss what to have engraved upon it, he called upon his father for advice. "Well," said the old man, "put on, when this you see remember me." The young lady was much surprised a few days after at receiving a beautiful ring with this inscription, "when this you see remember father."

A canvas back duck flies at an habitual rate of 80 miles an hour, which is increased in emergency to 120. The mallard has a flight of 48 miles an hour; the black duck, pin-tail, widgeon and wood duck cannot do much better. The blue wing and green-wing teal can go 100 miles an hour and take it easy. The red head can fly all day a 90 miles per hour. The gadwall can do 90 miles. The flight of the wild goose is 100 miles per hour.

A sad accident occurred in Mr. Grayson's family, one day this week, says the Newburg Graphic. The four months old babe was put in a chair and left near the stove while the mother was about her house work. A kettle filled with boiling meat was on the stove and as it was not the proper size for the hole in the stove, it by some means tipped over spilling the boiling water on the child. Its legs from the knees down were burned so that the skin came off and one foot was burned in the same manner. The little sufferer is getting along as well as could be expected and it is thought the burn will not lame it.

A large and interesting meeting of the Oregon horticultural society was held at Portland on the 14th. The forenoon was devoted chiefly to the report of the president, J. R. Cardwell, which was an able paper, abounding in valuable information to the fruit growers of the northwest. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Dr. J. R. Cardwell; vice presidents, Dr. O. P. Plummer and John H. Settlement; secretary, Prof. E. R. Lake. At the next meeting of the society in April Chauncy Ball will read a paper on "The prune, its cultivation, drying and packing."

The real estate sales of Astoria thus far for the year are considerably above half a million in amount.

A purse is being made up in Douglas county to send east and get a dozen of the "Bob White" quails to stock the Umpqua valley. They are true birds and there are but few of them in this country.

Several Pendleton citizens mourn the loss of money they put into the local association of the Minneapolis Building and Loan Association. Several other cities in the state were "roped in" by oily tongued agents of that institution.

Bert Lucas, the Monmouth bicyclist, well known in Albany, in two months will go east, and in company with about thirty other bicyclists will do Europe on a bicycle, traveling through France, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and England, on a safety. He will be gone until Sept. 1st.

H. H. Barrett, of Douglas county, who drives the stage from Umpqua to Florence, has been a knight of the reins for 32 years, having driven from Empire to the mouth of the Umpqua for 21 years, and from Umpqua to Florence for 11 years. He is still hale and hearty and good for many more years to come.

T. D. Clark, bridge superintendent of the Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific railroad, has retired from service in that capacity, J. O. Johnson taking his place. Mr. D. Clark has been in the employ of the O. & C. and Southern Pacific nearly sixteen years and his retirement is a surprise to everybody along the line.

It is reported that the U. P. Co. forfeits \$500 every time the fast mail arrives at Portland thirty minutes late, no matter what the cause of detention might have been. It is safe to say that such is not the

case, for the whole United States could not get a train to Portland on time at present, not even if the life of the government itself was depending on it.—Baker City Blade.

The domestic animal commission created by the last legislature, composed of Governor Penneyer, Secretary McBride, State Veterinarian Officer Wythecombe and D. H. Looney met at Salem Monday, and after an extended investigation issued an order to Dr. Wythecombe to slaughter any and all cattle found affected with contagious or infectious diseases. This order will be strictly enforced.

The business of the Roseburg land office for 1889 was huge, as follows: Number of pre-emption filings, 658; number of homestead entries from Jan. 1, 1889, 430. Number of final entries from Jan. 1, 1889, to Jan. 1, 1890, 165; number of final cash entries from Jan. 1, 1889, to Jan. 1, 1890, 410; Amount of acreage covered, 24,900 acres. Amount of cash receipts, \$111,543.28.

In six days the new electric light plant at Dallas will be ready for action. It has been placed in at a cost of \$5000 and consists of seventy-five incandescent and twenty arc lights. This new enterprise starts off with every evidence of a successful and useful career. One evidence of prosperity is in the fact that eighteen residences are to be supplied with light from the plant. Most of the business houses are encouraging the metropolitan convenience by subscribing for lights.

Oregon, Washington and British Columbia constitute a grand lodge jurisdiction of the A. O. U. W., with a membership of about 4,500. During the calendar year just closed there have been fifty deaths upon which the order has paid beneficiaries of \$2,000, amounting in the aggregate to \$100,000. This \$2,000 beneficiary payment in nearly every instance has gone to families who, otherwise, would have been left in very straitened circumstances. The exceedingly meritorious work of this order accounts for its rapid growth all over the country.

There is living in St. Helena, says the Mist, the man who devised the set of signals used by the head sawyers in nearly all the mills on this coast, to indicate to the screw turners by the movements of his hand and fingers, how far up or back to turn the screws of the head blocks on the log carriage in sawing up logs. T. C. Watts, to whom that honor is due, commenced at the age of fourteen years to handle the saws and with but few interruptions has followed that business for the past twenty-seven years, the greater part of that time in the mill at this place. Finding that with the old system the screw turners frequently got the old signals mixed, causing delays and frequently spoiling lumber, Mr. Watts invented his system, under which it is impossible with ordinary attention, for the screw turners to make a mistake, as to the required turns to make.

WAS CORRECT.—The GAZETTE's account of the accidental shooting of Otto Stone, on the first of this month, was correct. Several other papers published an entirely different report. Otto was not behind the target, he was standing by the side of his uncle when the gun, in the latter's hands, was accidentally discharged with the fatal result.

DOMINO.—A "domino" party will be given by the Corvallis hook and ladder company in the opera house on Friday evening, February 14th—Valentine's day. The usual excellent social time will be had.

DIED.

At his home near Corvallis, on January 18, 1890, at 6:30 a. m., F. A. Hornung, aged 60 years, 5 months, and 8 days.

Thus has another pioneer gone home from our midst. He came to Oregon in 1850, arriving at Oregon City in October. During the next December he and his family moved to Benton county and located on the farm situated a short distance west of this city, where he has lived until his death. He married Mary A. Johnson in 1848, and in 1868 she was called to her heavenly home, leaving eleven children. He was born near Berlin on Aug. 29, 1823. Was foremost in securing the agricultural college at this city, and has always been a warm supporter of any needed improvements in this county. He was a member of the grange order and Masons. Rev. E. J. Thompson preached the funeral sermon in the Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon last, before a large congregation of friends and acquaintances who had assembled to express their last respects to the deceased.

OPERA HOUSE!

—ONE NIGHT ONLY.—
Great Dramatic Event!

Tuesday, January 28th.

Russell-Jewell Dramatic Comply

In the military drama, in five acts,
"LYNWOOD."

Popular prices: 25, 50, and 75 cents. Seats on sale at Roberts' jewelry store.

THE STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

In an interview with a reporter lately, Governor Sylvester Penneyer explained why the state board of commissioners, appointed to secure a site for the state reform school have been so long selecting the ground.

"The board consists of myself as governor, Secretary of State Hon. G. W. McBride, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Hon. E. B. McElroy. At the last session of the Oregon state legislature, the sum of \$30,000 was appropriated to pay for the ground and erect the home. We at once began to look about with a view to selecting the most favorable locality. In our search we canvassed the entire state. Land about Portland was held too high. We thought for a while that the vicinity of Milwaukee offered pretty good advantages, but it had its drawbacks, too. During the month of last May, we discovered that we could buy the Warren farm, which lies four miles south of Salem. The farm consisted of 320 acres, the price of which was \$11,200. We concluded to buy it, but as there was a minor heir to the estate, we had to secure an order from court authorizing the sale of it.

"This step was accomplished only this month, and a week ago last Wednesday negotiations were brought to a close by the purchase, and now the state owns the land. Adjoining the farm is a piece of twenty acres, which we bought. This purchase swelled the outlay to \$17,000. By it we secured access to Mill creek, from which which abundant water power can be taken. Thus, the school can carry on a manufacturing business, enabling the inmates to learn various kinds of trades.

"The sum of \$13,000 now remains, with which to do the building. Of course, that is not enough to carry it to its entire completion. We can put up such a structure as will admit of wings being added to it. By a provision of the bill authorizing the establishment, all the brick used in its composition must be made at the state penitentiary. During the past year the entire output has been used in building the new wing at the asylum. This wing is longer than the one built two years ago, hence it requires more brick. Just as soon as we can get the brick, and it will not be long, we shall begin operations. Had we secured the ground and erected the building last year, it would, of necessity, have stood idle, because the legislature did not appropriate a cent for operating it. By the time the legislature meets again it will be ready for occupancy. I think we have made the best selection that was available. We got the ground at a low price and it is now worth more than it was bought for. It is just near enough to the city, and is on the line of the Southern Pacific, and I think we can induce the company to establish a station at the school.

There is no doubt but such an institution will be a great benefit to the state. There are a number of boys in the penitentiary now who should not be there. When the school is established no doubt a provision will be made for their removal to it. It is a shame that boys so young should be put in a great prison among so many hardened criminals. Regarding the name of the institution, I suppose it will be called a reform school, pure and simple. It would be most too nice a distinction, I think, to give it a more aristocratic name."

For a short time only. Lots in Schenck's addition to Astoria. Terms easy. Buy now of Hartless & Davidson.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE