

CHRISTMAS DAY.

A happy custom has made the Christmas holidays a time for an unusual outpouring of friendliness and love. We exhibit too much the harder side of our nature, and it is well for our race that we have occasions whose memories and traditions bring subtly into play our more tender emotions. On this day, at least, let us forget malice and selfishness, unseat the fountain of kindness, and wish each other, in truth, a merry Christmas.

There are those who are making themselves ridiculous. They are like the Israelites of old—they want a sign. Senator Mitchell must say something. Now those people forget that the senator not only has said that something, but has done it. One year ago he served notice upon Teller and Company that he is not of them. He voted for the Dingley tariff bill, which was a test on the financial question. That was a time before the prominence was attached to currency that it has since obtained. Later Senator Mitchell endorsed the St. Louis republican platform and made not one, but many speeches in support of McKinley and Hobart. Not once did he sulk in his tent. What more can a man do to entitle him to be recorded as a republican. He has always voted the republican ticket—from 1860, if he was then old enough, down to 1896. He has always supported republican measures in Congress by his voice and by his vote. Can some of his interrogators say as much?—Hillsboro Independent.

The repeal of the law creating the railroad commission should be the first work of the legislature at the coming session. In its stead a maximum rate bill should be passed or the law proposed by Hon. H. V. Gates of Hillsboro, two years ago. Mr. Gates' bill proposed that the commission consist of three members to be elected by the people, their salaries and expense of maintaining said commission to be derived from a tax on the railroad property within the state. This bill passed the house two years ago, but could never be gotten out of the committee in the senate because Joe Simon, the patron and friend of corporate influence, would not permit it to be brought out, for it would have passed the senate as easily as it did the house.—Heppner Gazette.

How many of the fruit growers have thoroughly looked for borers in the roots of their peach and prune trees? Prof. E. R. Lake, superintendent of the big prune orchard, "Pruneota," in Benton county, informed us a short time ago that every tree on the place is examined carefully once a year and enough borers are found and destroyed to fully justify the work. A prune tree, with one or more borers working in its roots just below the ground is not likely to thrive.—Rural Northwest.

The suggestions of Judge Hufford seem practical and useful. His idea concerning the assessment rolls is particularly sensible and ought to be carried into effect.

As one understands the various leaks sprung in the county treasury through legal operations, he begins to think that there are easier things than running a county.

Remedies for Scab on Sheep.

For the benefit of those who may be troubled with this disease in their flocks, I will give my experience in doctoring this very common complaint among sheep. I have used corrosive sublimate and tobacco and find it a safe cure for scab, if properly handled, but much more expensive than other remedies. It requires six pounds of corrosive sublimate and ten pounds of tobacco to 100 gallons of water. The corrosive sublimate should be placed in a wooden vessel and hot water poured on it, and thoroughly stirred until dissolved, and the tobacco should be boiled for some time; then put the medicine in dipping vat, and keep the water quite warm, to 110 degrees. Hold the sheep in dip from one to three minutes, and rub well the badly effected places, to assist penetration. Two dippings about fourteen days apart will cure any case of scab, by changing the pasture or range. I think this is important.

I have also used lime and sulphur and think this is equally as good as the other remedy and very much cheaper; but great care should be taken to thoroughly dissolve the sulphur.

You should use twenty pounds of sulphur and ten pounds of lime to 100 gallons of water. The lime

and sulphur should be placed together in a large kettle or vat filled with water and boiled at least three hours, until the sulphur is all dissolved and water turns black, and then keep the water warm and dip same as with the other remedy.

P. AVERY.

Alsea Jottings.

This is Christmas and we wish you a merry, merry Christmas.

We have lots of salmon now, and that means glory for the small boy and some older ones, too. Come and try it.

We expect that the people of Alsea will have a regular jollification, Christmas, as a large number of our young people will be at home.

Lucian Fullerton and Roy Ortel came home on a visit a short time ago. Roy returned to his work below Corvallis, but Lucian remained at home.

Frank Howell, who has been down on French Prairie for the past few months, has returned. Now the fish and mountain sheep had better look wild, as Frank is a great fellow for mutton.

We hear that Mr. Trout, of Honey Grove, has sold his farm and is going to settle on the Long Tom near Monroe. While we bid new neighbors welcome, we regret to see Mr. Trout and his family leave us. We wish them well, wherever they go.

Jesse Tharp, who is attending the O. A. C. at Corvallis, is expected home and his people are preparing to give a social dance on the occasion. That there will be a good time, is an established fact, as Mr. and Mrs. Tharp and their family know how to make their guests happy. We will be glad to see Jesse again.

Wm. J. Howell spent several days in Alsea, rain bound. He left last Monday for Corvallis where he now lives. Mr. Howell was intent on driving a hog to town; it looked rather difficult, but Mr. H. thought he could accomplish the feat. Later—We are told that Mr. Howell and his hog arrived at his home Monday night at eight o'clock, tired but safe.

Clarence Vidito, Dorna Longbottom, George Childs and Miss Mattie Chandler returned last week to spend the holidays with their respective parents, also to meet and have a good time with their many friends. We bid them a hearty welcome, and hope they may forget dull books and hard lessons for a short time, then return to school revived and with a determination to succeed.

OLD INNOCKENCE.

Wells Items.

Mr. H. Lewis' family have been very sick, but are improving now.

C. M. Vanderpool has sold his beef cattle to Schultz Bros., of Albany.

Farmers in this section are improving the good weather by cutting wood and building fence.

Jake Hecker was visiting friends at Parker last week. I have heard several wondering where he left his halter.

There was quite a crowd out to our literary society at the last meeting, and everybody seemed to enjoy the program.

Quite a number of the young folks from here went to the entertainment at Saver on the 18th inst, and all report a fine time.

WELLS.

Sealed Bids Wanted.

U. S. Engineer Office, Portland, Oreg., Dec. 22, 1896: Sealed proposals for removing obstructions from Alsea river, Oregon, will be received here until 2 p. m., Jan. 22, 1897, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application.

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Student Entertainments.

Friday night a Christmas social and Society contest were held at Cauthorn Hall. In the contest, Miss Ina Barclay, who read an essay with Catherine the Great as the subject, R. H. Howell, who delivered an oration upon the United States and its greatest men, Miss Lalia Porter, with an oration, The Ocean, and W. L. Patterson, who took for his subject, Success, were the participants.

The two latter probably excelled from a strictly literary standpoint. Miss Barclay's essay, which won the prize, was well written and splendidly delivered. Her articulation was distinct and her pronunciation perfect.

Mr. Howell's oration showed profundity of thought and was delivered with force and earnestness. He was original in his treatment of his subject, but his delivery was marred by mispronunciation. All the contestants can be congratulated upon their efforts.

Mr. Emmett sang a solo, "Out on the Deep," that was well received, and Miss Frankie Cauthorn delighted all with her rendition of "How Girls Study."

After the contest, the students, professors and visitors tripped the "light, fantastic toe" until midnight and had an enjoyable time.

Saturday evening Miss Crawford's class in elocution furnished an excellent program at the college chapel. It was the first appearance of Miss Crawford's pupils and each member taking part evidenced careful and capable training. The entertainment was appropriately announced as an "Evening with Longfellow," the entire program being devoted to a study of the life and works of that celebrated American author.

Perhaps the most entertaining number was "The Launching of the Ship," which was especially well rendered by a class of 12 young ladies. The recitations, "Paul Revere's Ride," by Frank Hague, and "Sandalphon," by Miss Olive Hamilton, were both very favorably commented upon, as was also the sketch of Longfellow's life by Miss Ella Casto. A sketch from "The Courtship of Miles Standish," by Dennis Stoval, was interesting, but the hit of the evening was an essay on Longfellow, most artistically rendered by "Pap" McAllister.

Notice of Referee's Sale of Real Property.
Notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of a decree and order of sale, made by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County, in a partition suit, wherein Norris P. Newton, G. G. Newton, Mahala K. Bohannon and Cynthia E. Johnson were plaintiffs, and Jasper Newton and C. Stock were defendants, on the 12th day of November, 1896, and on the same day duly entered in the Journal of the said Court; and wherein the Court doerred that the said plaintiffs and the Defendant Jasper Newton were the owners as tenants in common in fee simple and were in the possession of the premises hereinafter described, as such tenants in common—the said G. G. Newton, Mahala K. Bohannon, Cynthia E. Johnson and Jasper Newton each owning an undivided one-seventh part or portion thereof, and Norris P. Newton owning the other undivided three-sevenths thereof—and that a partition of the said lands could not be made without great prejudice to the owners thereof, and that it is necessary that the same be sold and a division of the proceeds arising from such sale be made among the said owners according to their respective interests, and appointing me, Peter Rickard, as sole referee to make sale of the said land; and the said parties having caused an order of sale to issue out of the said Court under the seal thereof to me directed and commanding me as such referee to sell the following described real property, in the manner prescribed by law for the sale of real property under execution, to-wit: Beginning at a point 37.30 chains north, and 5.47 chains west of the south east corner of Abiathar and Rachel Newtons donation claim, it being claim No. 42 in T. 12 S., R. 6 W., Willamette meridian in Benton county, Oregon, and running thence west 34.88 chains; thence south 14.7 chains; thence east 24.88 chains; thence north 19.32 chains; thence east 50.06 chains; and thence south 4.57 chains to the place of beginning, containing 63.37 acres; and in accordance with the said decree and the said order of sale to me directed and delivered, I, as such referee, will on

Tuesday the 5th day of January A. D., 1897 at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, at the Court house, in the City of Corvallis in Benton county, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the above described real property, and all the right, title, interest and estate of the said plaintiffs and the said defendants in and to the same; the proceeds arising from the said sale to be first applied to the payment of the costs and expenses of such sale and of said suit, and the remainder to be divided among the said plaintiffs and defendants according to the provisions of the said decree.
Dated December 3rd, 1896.
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An Evening With Burns.

On Monday evening last, at the Baptist church, a high-class entertainment, entitled "An evening with Burns," was greatly enjoyed by an excellent and appreciative audience which listened with rapt attention to a biographical sketch of the life of the great Scotch bard, delivered by Prof. J. B. Horner, of the O. A. C., in his most interesting and pleasant manner. Most vividly he portrayed him in his greatness and his weakness, in his triumphs and his struggles, and his merits and his poverty—inculcating many valuable lessons from his checkered career. Many large colored drawings were exhibited, showing the most noted places connected with the poet's life or referred to in his verses.

At the conclusion of the lecture, which was roundly applauded, little Gail Hare recited very sweetly the beautiful poem, "Highland Mary," and received her due measure of applause.

Miss Crawford, instructor of elocution at the O. A. C., then favored the audience by reading, most admirably, two choice selections from the poet's works, and, judging from the manner in which they were received, they must have been greatly enjoyed.

The exercises were closed with the recitation of "Tam O'Shanter" by Hon. John Burnett, who delivered it in his own inimitable style, and to the great delight of the audience.

Thus closed what many considered one of the most delightful events of the present season. The Baptist church and pastor tender their heartiest thanks to all who aided in making it such a great success, thereby tending to greatly increase their finances.

For Sale or Trade.

A ten-acre prune orchard near Corvallis, trees six and seven years old, must be sold soon as owner desires to leave, or will trade for residence property located in any prosperous Willamette valley town. Address "Orchard," care this paper.

Summons.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Benton County, Seth W. Taylor, plaintiff, vs. Sarah A. Taylor, defendant, suit for divorce.

To Sarah A. Taylor, defendant, in the above entitled suit:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the first day of the next regular term of said court which will be held on the twelfth day of April A. D., 1897, and if you fail to so answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief demanded in said complaint which is for a decree dissolving the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and the defendant, and for costs and disbursements of this suit. This summons is served by publication in the Corvallis GAZETTE. By order of J. C. Fullerton, judge of said court, bearing date the 10th day of November A. D., 1896.

JOHN KELSAY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Assignee's Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, In the Matter of the Assignment of Zephin Job and B. R. Job, partners doing business under the firm name of Hamilton, Job & Co., for the benefit of Creditors:

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned, J. R. Bryson, as Assignee of Hamilton, Job & Co., above named, has filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court his final account as such Assignee in the above entitled matter, and the said Court has fixed Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1897, at the hour of two o'clock, in the afternoon of said day as the time for hearing any and all objections to the said final account, and for final settlement thereof; and has ordered that all objections thereto, if any there be, must be filed with the Clerk of the said Court by the tenth day of January 1897, and that notice thereof be published in the CORVALLIS GAZETTE for four weeks prior to the said tenth day of January, 1897. And all persons are hereby notified that the Assignee will on the said 22nd day of January 1897, move the Court to approve his said final account and to finally settle the same and that he may be discharged and his bondsmen exonerated and for such other order as the Court may seem proper.

J. R. BRYSON, As Assignee of Hamilton, Job & Co.

A Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders endorsed and marked "Not paid for want of funds," up to, and including those of Oct 8th, 1892. Interest will be stopped on same from this date.

W. A. BUCKMAN, Treasurer of Benton County Oregon. Dated Corvallis, Dec. 25, 1896.

CORVALLIS MARKET REPORT.

Corrected weekly by Corvallis Commission Company.
Poultry—Hens per dozen, \$1.75 to \$2.25; young roosters, full grown, per dozen, \$1.25 to \$2.00; broilers, per dozen, \$1.50 to \$2.00; ducks, per dozen, \$2.00 to 2.50; turkeys, live, 7 to 8 cents, according to condition; geese, per dozen, \$4.00.
Eggs—Per dozen, 2 1/2 cts.
Butter, 40 to 50 cents per roll.
Bran, \$1.50.
Shorts, \$16.00.
Flour, \$4.00 per barrel.
Potatoes—Per bushel, 25 to 30 cts.
Oats—Choice white, per bushel, 25 to 30 cts; gray, 23 to 25 cts.
Wheat—Per bushel, 70 cts.
Cascara Bark—\$1.25 to \$1.50.
Hops—New crop, 12c.
Cheese seed, 1 1/2 cts per lb.
Hogs, dressed, \$3 to \$3.50, owing to size.
Sides 7 cents.
Lard, 7 1/2 to 8c.
Cheese, 10 cents.

Ticklish Things.

Coughs are ticklish things. Nowhere does the extravagant saying: "I was tickled to death," come nearer being true, than in the case of a severe cough. Do you know the feeling? The tickling in the throat, that you writhe under and fight against, until at last you break out in a paroxysm of coughing? Why not cure the cough and enjoy unbroken rest? You can do so by using

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