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CITY AND COUNTY.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS.

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Address, G. J. BUYS, Eugene City, Or.

Christmas.

Christmas was celebrated in our town in a quiet way, with more than usual attention and joy. There was nothing loud or demonstrative beyond a few tiny tin horns in the hands of infants, and a few fire-crackers exploded by small boys. The relicts of the rude and barbarous ages have faded away in our times and community to the merest traces.

There were Christmas trees at the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches. At the Christian church the tree was a laurel, arranged by the members of the Christian and Baptist congregations. The house was well filled, but there was no jam. The exercises consisted of vocal music, a short address by Elder Burnett, the appearance of Kris Kringle, and the distribution of the fruits of the tree. At the Methodist church the jam of "little children," old and young, was to the degree of suffocation. The tree was really a grove, and bearing, too, far more than twelve manner of fruit. The programme was ordinary; the music, both vocal and instrumental, was noteworthy and praiseworthy.

There were a number of trees in private families, where presents were distributed in a liberal manner, and an unspeakable amount of happiness was caused both among grown folks and children. One of these, a remarkable tree, flourished and faded at the house of John H. McClung, where was assembled quite a number of his people and friends, who were all made to feel very happy and at home by the genial hospitality of Aunt Kate. In course of the distribution of presents the name of "Uncle Ela" (E. L. Applegate) was called. Upon opening the package his present was found to be a very fine specimen of an aged "gem'an of color." This was appreciated as the joke of the occasion, and was subsequently found to have been the handywork of the bright and mischevious Miss Jesse Benton Applegate McClung. Everybody received something good and nice, which was of course attribted to the thoughtfulness of Uncle John.

DISCHARGED.—About ten days ago one of the cabins put up at the summit of the mountain for the safety of the mail carriers on the McKenzie route was broken into and the provisions and blankets carried away. C. W. Hilburn and Jeff Zumwalt, who had just come over that route, were arrested for the offense. On examination before Justice Ogle it was held that the proof was insufficient to bind them over.

INSTALLATION.—At a stated communication of Eugene City Lodge No. 11, A. F. and A. M., held last Wednesday evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: J. G. Gray, W.M.; Wm. Preston, S.W.; J. M. Sloan, S. W.; F. B. Dunn, Treasurer; Geo. J. Buys, Secretary; C. W. Fitch, S. D.; F. W. Osburn, J. D.; Wm. Eder, and G. Bettman, Stewards; E. Waud, Tyler.

NEW TEACHER.—By reason of ill-health Miss Wilcox has been obliged to give up her position as teacher in the district school in this city, and Miss Geary has been engaged to take her place. The second term will begin next Monday with Mr. Callison, Mrs. J. A. Odell, Miss Walker and Miss Geary as teachers.

LIGHT.—The fall of snow in the mountains thus far this winter has been unusually light. On the McKenzie route last week the ground was covered two inches deep for a distance of ten miles. Ordinarily at this season of the year there is from two to ten feet in that locality.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Information is wanted of the relations of Daniel Lemon, who died suddenly a few weeks since. He left nothing by which the whereabouts of his relatives, who are supposed to reside in Virginia, can be ascertained. Any information on the subject will be thankfully received by S. J. Saxon.

THEATRE.—Wilton's comic and variety troupe, comprising Frank Wilton, Miss Georgia Hayne, J. B. and Frank Robinson and A. C. Sutherland, will this evening commence a short season of dramatic performances at Lane's hall. This troupe has met only with commendation from the press during its travels through California and Oregon.

AGAIN.—Matt Bledsoe has again been killed at Prescott, Arizona, "about six weeks ago," this time by one Slocum, who did not give him time to go to confession before sending him over to the majority. This information comes by way of Roseburg; the man who brought it left Arizona suddenly, and dare not tell his name.

CHANGED IT.—A hypocritical bummer who has no business of his own has concluded that his name has become a disgrace to the community and to himself, and he has changed it to "A Friend of the Ladies."

EXAMINATION.—We are requested by Prof. Bolon, County School Superintendent, to say that there will be a public examination for the benefit of applicants for teacher's certificates held in this city, January 4th.

Now "swear off."

Society Elections.

At its last regular meeting Charity Grange No. 76, Willamette Forks, elected the following officers: Master, G. M. Miller; Overseer, J. Simmons; Secretary, A. Wilkins; Treasurer, J. E. Holt; Steward, A. Dunham; Chaplain, H. Miller; As. Steward, J. Wilkins; Lecturer, Wm. Vaughn; Gatekeeper, G. W. Vaughn; L. A. S., Miss Elida Wilkins; Ceres, Mrs. J. Simmons; Flora, Miss Etta Wilkins; Pomona, Mrs. H. Miller.

Wimawhala Encampment No. 6, on Wednesday evening, December 27th, elected the following officers: C.P., Wm. Driskill; H.P., John Church; S. W., Frank Harrington; J. W., John O'Brien; Scribe, Ben. F. Dorris; Treasurer, S. Steinheiser.

On Tuesday evening, December 26th, Spencer Butte Lodge No. 9, I.O.O.F., elected the following officers for the ensuing term: N.G., Frank Harrington; V.G., Wm. Driskill; Per. Sec., John Campbell; Rec. Sec., L. G. Jackson; Treas., B. F. Dorris.

WHEAT MARKET.—From the market report of the Oregonian of the 28th we take this: "Buyers, and especially those who buy to ship, seem to be at sea in the uncertain condition of the market, and some who deal largely in ordinary times are now cautious and afraid. The advance has surprised them. They wonder that it gave no sign of its coming, and fear that the decline may also come without warning. Some of the leading exporters say there is no fixed price for wheat, that it altogether depends upon the wants of the buyers and the conditions of the contract which he is or may be under the necessity to fill. The dullness in the freight market is a source of regret to ship owners, and the low prices of freight discourage them; but in former seasons they have reaped rich harvests in carrying the grain of this coast, and it is fair that the farmers and shippers should come in for a share of the profits occasionally. The lowest figure we now hear named for wheat is $2 per cental, while $2 05 and upward is quoted as current rates. Just how much upward buyers would be willing to go is a difficult matter to determine.

SKATING RINK.—R. R. Royal will open a Skating Rink in the building on the corner of Willamette and Seventh streets, opposite Miss Rankin's this evening. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 till 4 ladies will be allowed to practice free of charge. Open every afternoon from 2 till 4 P. M.; admission free; use of skates 25 cents. In the evening from 7 till 9; admission 25 cents and use of skates 25 cents. Ladies admitted free at all times.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. Cleaver has had rooms fitted up over Mrs. Jackson's millinery store, and will torture people with lame teeth according to the latest and most approved plans, which reduces the torture to the minimum.

TO OREGON CITY.—Rev. D. B. Gray of this place has been engaged as pastor of the Congregational Church at Oregon City, and will preach his first sermon there to-morrow morning.

[illegible] day evening was a complete success. Over fifty numbers were sold.

Brief Mention.

County Court next Monday.

Masked ball next Monday night.

Leap year will pass in its checks to-morrow night.

Skating commences at the new rink this evening.

J. H. D. Henderson returned from California this week.

Now you can gather her under your arm and display your agility on rollers.

Regular monthly meeting of Eugene Hook and Ladder Co., next Monday evening.

Wheat is worth $1 per bushel. We sold ours, alas! when it was worth only 50 cents.

Professor Morrell and H. H. Selfridge will furnish music for the masquerade ball next Monday night.

The Astorian says: A. W. Stowell, Esq., is about to locate and go into merchandising at Upper Astoria.

The Christmas ball at Springfield was not a paying investment. Only nine couples were in attendance.

R. S. Osburn left for his home in Reno, Nev., on Thursday. He was accompanied by Frank Osburn, who will be gone about a month.

It's Geo. Osmint this time, of Siuslaw, who, a few days ago, killed four cougars in half a day. It must have been a good day for cougars, or else Mr. Osmint is a lucky hunter.

The Standard of Wednesday says: Mrs. Stowell, a resident of Eugene City, lost or had her pocket picked of a portmonia containing $22 on the eastside train yesterday.

A few weeks ago Mr. Huddleston, who lives on the Mohawk, came to town for a visit and when he returned home he found that a too neighborly bear had invaded his premises and destroyed his winter's supply of dried venison.

Boston Post: Joaquin Miller wails thusly: "But I—I am as lone, alas! as yon white moon when white clouds pass; as lonely and unloved, alas! as clouds that weep and drop and pass." Why doesn't he go home to his wife?

MARRIED.

By Elder H. G. Davenport, at the residence of Allen Bond, Albert Green and Mary E. Bond.

December 24th, Mr. Alvin Hughes to Mrs. Phoeba Parsons.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 25th, by Rev. E. R. Geary, Geo. W. Fletcher and Miss Nettie Blachley.

Retail Produce and Provision Market.

The following are retailers' prices:

FLOUR.—$ bbl. $6.
CORN MEAL—Oregon ground, in bulk, 4c.
Oats—$ bushel, 50.
Beans—$ lb, 5c.
BUTTER—Fresh rolls, 37½c.
COFFEE—Rio, 29; Java, 33½c.
CHEESE—Oregon, 20c.
CANDLES—$ box, $4@4 50.
EGGS—33c.
BACON—Sides, 14c; hams, 15c; shoulders, 12½c.
LARD—In tins, 15c; bulk, 12½.
CHICKENS—$2 50@3 00 $ dozen.
FISH—Salmon, hf bbls, $6; 50lb kits, $4 00; Mackerel, per kit, $4; Codfish, $ lb, 12@15c.
SUGAR—S. F. R., 16⅔c; Island, 10@15c; crushed, 18c; powdered, 20c.
SALT—Carman Island, $ 100 lbs, $1 25; Bay, $125; Liverpool Dairy, $2 50; do coarse, $2.
TEA—Green, $1 25; Japan, 75c $ lb.
SYRUP—Heavy Golden, $ keg, $5.
OILS—Kerosene, 75 $ gallon.

TOO LEAVE.—F. W. Becker has disposed of his business and will leave next week. All persons indebted to him will settle with Mr. Boyd, at the market, or with G. B. Dorris.

PAY UP.

All persons indebted to me are requested to make immediate payment.

JOHN LENGER.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Steinheiser has just received for the Holiday trade a supply of the celebrated

FRENCH CANDIES,
RAISINS,
NUTS,
DRIED FRUITS,
ORANGES.

LAST CALL.

All persons indebted to me are hereby notified that settlement must be made by Jan. 1, 1877.

This is imperative and final.

S. STEINHEISER.

SAVE COSTS!

Every person indebted to us can save costs by making payment on or before the first day of January, 1877.

SLOAN BROS.

All persons indebted to Jas. McClaren are hereby notified to make settlement of the same on or before Jan. 1, 1877. After that date trouble will commence.

JAS. M'CLAREN.

TIME!

Parties knowing themselves indebted to us will confer a favor on us and save themselves trouble by settling up soon. We must insist upon it.

DUNN & STRATTON.

Buy your wall paper already trimmed at F. B. DUNN'S.

I have now on hand a full and complete atsortment of

HARNESS AND SADDLERY,

which I will sell

CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER FIRM IN THIS CITY.

Parties knowing themselves indebted to me will please come forward and settle.

CHAS. HADLEY.

SCHOOL AND HOLLIDAY BOOKS.—University students will find all the text books used in that institution for sale at the Post Office Book Store. Also for the Holliday trade, Mr. Patterson has just received an elegant assortment of standard works of fiction and poetry; and for the little ones, there is no end of picture books, games, etc.

Last Call.

All notes and accounts due D. Cherry or D. Cherry & Bro., if not paid immediately costs will be added thereto after the 1st day of December, 1876.

D. CHERRY.

Wheat Wanted.

We want Wheat and are prepared to pay the Highest Market Price in Cash.

T. G. HENDRICKS,
JOHN STEWART.

Eugene City, Sept. 28, 1876.

CIRCULAR

OF THE

STATE UNIVERSITY,

EUGENE CITY, OR.

The beautiful building prepared for the State University of Oregon being now ready for the accommodation of students, the first session will commence on the 16th of October. There will be two courses of study, the Preparatory and Collegiate, and two terms of twenty weeks each.

The law provides for the free tuition of one student from each county and for each member of the Legislature. Students wishing to avail themselves of the benefits of this law should make application to the county superintendent of the county in which they reside. All other students wishing to take the collegiate course will be required to pay a tuition fee of $20 per term in advance. All candidates for admission to this department will be required to pass an examination in the following

STUDIES:

Reading, Writing, Orthography, Practical Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, History of the United States, Latin Grammar, Reader and 4 Books of Cesar, Greek Grammar and Reader; but for the present the examination in the languages may be omitted. The curriculum of study in the

COLLEGIATE COURSE

Will comprise, 1st, the usual college course. 2d, a complete course in Science. 3d, a Normal course planned with special reference to the wants of teachers. All students in this department will be required to pay a fee of $2 50 per term in advance for incidental expenses. All students in the

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT

Will be required to pay a tuition of $15 in advance. This department will give students the necessary training in the studies required for admitance into the Collegiate department.

THE FACULTY

Will consist of Prof. J. W. Johnson, President, and Professors Thomas Condon and Mark Bailey. The teachers in the preparatory department are Mrs. Mary E. Spiller, Principal, and Mary E. Stone, Miss Assistant.

JOHN W. JOHNSON,
President of University and Faculty.

J. J. WALTON,
Sec'y Board of Directors.