

Mrs. C. M. Chase took her daughter Stella to Portland Saturday morning to complete her term of school.

J. D. Hamlin, who has been with G. M. Jackson for several months, returned to Lake Creek Monday.

Mrs. Anna Thomas, daughter of Rev. Woolley, of Eugene, is very seriously ill. The Misses Houston went up yesterday to see her.

The furnace at the school house refused to perform its daily function Wednesday and school was dismissed for the remainder of the week until repairs could be made.

A populist paper will be established in Eugene next week by Mr. Long, of the Oregon Populist, published at Albany, and late of the Amity Pagan, now deceased. Quite a number of subscribers were secured here.

The entertainment given by Lucius Lodge No. 52, Knights of Pythias, in honor of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the order, proved a very enjoyable and social occasion.

A fire alarm was sounded Wednesday about 10 o'clock, which brought the boys together in short order. One of the fires in the hotel burned out and the alarm was given before the fire was located.

Mrs. Ben Kaiser had a close call with fire Tuesday. She heard the roar of fire when she discovered her clothing in flames. By rare presence of mind the fire was smothered out although her hands were severely burned.

Dick Eaton was arrested Monday charged with using obscene and abusive language and striking Mrs. Susie Eaton. He was found guilty and Recorder Butler fined him \$10 which included costs. The money was paid.

Another fire alarm was given Thursday evening at 8 o'clock which brought the boys out on double quick time. The alarm was caused by the soot burning in the stove pipe in Johnson's restaurant. The pipe was red hot above the roof. It was soon doused with water. The way the pipe is arranged makes it exceedingly dangerous for the building as well as the adjoining ones.

SALOON ROBBED.—Sheriff Noland has received a letter from Florence informing him that parties last Saturday and Sunday broke into the saloon of G. W. Masterson, at that place, which is closed under attachment, and carried away liquors and cigars to the value of \$200. A. Hays and Geo. Barrett were arrested on the charge and bound over to await the action of the grand jury, one of the parties being caught in the building. The writer states that several more parties are guilty and will probably be apprehended in the near future.

WIMAN WANTS BAIL.—He Hopes to Be Able to Secure it Sometime Today. NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—In response to a note sent in by a reporter this morning, Erastus Wiman, from his cell in the toms, wrote the following: "I did not intend to ask for bail, but the dying condition of my eldest son and the dreadful sorrow that overshadows his mother and sweet wife surely demand my presence beside them, if I can get a friend to go on my bond. I am in communication with a gentleman and hope to be able to get to Staten Island today. As to the rest I can say nothing." The last sentence was in answer to a query as to his reported intention to plead guilty. His son, W. D. Wiman, is lying at the point of death at New Brighton, Staten Island, of pneumonia, and does not know of his father's arrest.

Hunting for Trainrobbers. PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 22.—Considerable excitement has been caused here by a report that the Roscoe trainrobbers were brought to bay in the mountains near this place last night. Word reached the officers here that two men answering their description had appeared, armed with Winchester rifles, at one of the ranches near the foot of the mountains and demanded provisions, which were given them. They then returned to the mountains and were not seen again until Monday night, when they visited another ranch in the vicinity, making a similar request. When last seen they were making for an almost inaccessible canyon in the first range. One of the ranchers who was visited drove to this place yesterday and furnished the officers a description of the men. Officers left for the mountains yesterday afternoon and have not yet returned.

The Fatal Hazing. ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Pending the result of the coroner's inquest on the death of the colored servant by chlorine gas, nothing new has transpired. The police are working energetically and have stumbled across a lot of new evidence which they refuse to divulge. The coroner asserts efforts are being made to hush the matter. McNeil and McCulloch, the students who were most seriously affected by the gas, have recovered.

From Fountain-Head. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Napoleon Davis is here urging the claims of Martin Rowley. The president seems to be in no hurry to make an appointment. A good man, well endorsed and not connected with any faction, could be promptly named. The fouseburg receivership is still hanging fire. Sheridan is likely to get it.

The Wheat Market. PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Cargoes on passage steady, with few bids; Liver pool spot, a turn dearer, options stiff; New York, strong; Chicago, strong—61 1-8 cts.

A Sand Cyclone. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—The worst sand storm in years is raging in this vicinity. The wind is blowing with great velocity and it is reported that a railroad train has been blown from the track, but it is not known whether it is a passenger or freight train or what damage is done.

THE CONTEST TONIGHT. Principals and Delegates Arrive—The Annual Business Meeting.

The principals, delegates and visitors to the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest began arriving yesterday but on this afternoon's local came the larger portion, each delegation prominent with its college colors.

The annual business meeting is being held in Villard hall this afternoon, the delegates proceeding directly there from the train. Many of the visitors and all the local students are on the quiver with excitement. A large attendance at the contest tonight is anticipated.

DELEGATES. University of Oregon—E. M. Underwood, J. A. Laurie, Owen Vandayne, Miss Peggie Underwood, Miss Lulu Moran, H. M. Templeton, Miss Julia Peavie, Roslyn McKinlay.

Willamette University, Salem—Misses Betty, Marsh, Frissell, Messrs. J. H. Robinson, P. L. Brown, Alternates, L. F. Reynolds, J. W. Reynolds.

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were immediately provided with places of entertainment and shown points of interest both at the university and other parts of the city during their stay here. The citizens who kindly opened their homes to the privilege of the committee are heartily commended. The committee is deserving of praise for their conduct of the whole affair, especially Chairman Mulkey, who displayed a considerable amount of executive ability.

Some of the delegates returned home on the overland last night and most of the remainder on this morning's local. Both trains pulled out amid a rosy sound of college yells. These greetings promote a fraternal spirit among students of the various colleges, which it is gratifying to observe.

Seldom Seen Here. Last night the people of this portion of the state were treated to an unusual sight, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock. In fact, no resident has ever seen a production of the same heretofore. It was nothing more or less than the northern lights, most frequently seen in the northern countries. It first appeared in the eastern sky and then proceeded westward and then again appeared in the east. The color was a deep, dark red and at times rays of silver streaks seemed to pass through the same.

The encyclopedia treats of the same as follows: [Aurora polaris, aurora borealis and australis, polar light, northern lights, or streamers, an electrical meteor, appearing most frequently in high latitudes, in the form of luminous clouds, arches, and rays, of which the latter sometimes meet at a point near the zenith, and form what is called a boreal crown. The arches are sometimes single; sometimes several concentric ones are seen, and they are usually nearly stationary, or move slowly southward. The rays rise perpendicularly from the arches, but are sometimes seen detached, or when the arch is below the horizon. They are parallel to the dipping needle, or in other words, to the curves of the magnetic force; and the boreal crown, at which they appear to meet, is merely an effect of perspective. The rays are seldom stationary, but appear and disappear suddenly, shooting with great velocity up to the zenith, and moving slowly eastward or westward, but most commonly the latter. They sometimes cover the whole sky, and frequently have a strong tremulous motion from end to end. This tremulous motion is sometimes seen also in the arches when near the zenith; and Benjamin V. Marsh mentions a case in which the matter of the arch had the appearance of a rapid torrent flowing from east to west. A rare form of aurora is that in which the rays appear to hang from the sky like fringes or the folds of a mantle. The ordinary color of the aurora is a pale greenish-yellow, but crimson, violet and steel-color are not uncommon. Crimson auroras have often been imagined by the superstitious to be omens of war, pestilence and famine.]

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AFTER GOLD.—Corvallis Times: Over in Linn county lives the family of Robert Smith. Mr. Smith is an old Scotch miner and a couple of months or more ago in response to a letter from J. L. Horning, he went to Elliott Creek, Southern Oregon, the condition being that he was to receive a share in the new mine that Mr. Horning has discovered there if he would boss the building of a flume that is to give pie of water to the workman. A man from the river the other day related that recently the son of Mr. Smith received a letter from his father directing him to come at once to Elliott creek; that the mine was rich and that the son should have the father's interest in it while the latter prospected for dirt of similar character in the same vicinity. The son left post haste; wherefore there seems reason to believe that there is a hen on in the Horning gold mine.

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