

SAD CHRISTMAS AT FOLEY.

Little Nellie Runey is Dead, and Her Father was Dying When the Stage Left.

While the joy and happiness of Christmas time was prevailing in most of the homes of the valley, a sad scene was being enacted at Foley Springs, sixty miles east of here on the McKenzie river.

Little Nellie Runey, aged six years, the joy and comfort of her mother, who for many months past has had a heavy burden to bear, left this life for the one beyond.

The scenes which surrounded the tragic ending of this pure and innocent young life could not have been more sorrowful and lonely than they were.

As is well known to the people of Eugene and the McKenzie, Pettey Runey, of the popular summer resort, Foley Springs, has been gradually growing worse from a fatal disease for a year or two past, and for several months has been helpless. The stage driver who arrived here Saturday evening from the springs stated that mortification had set in and it was not believed that Peter Runey would live until the stage reached this city.

His coffin was then being made, and he is probably dead and buried ere this will have reached our readers. Little Nellie Runey, who died Christmas morning, will be well remembered by the people who annually visit Foley. She had been sick for several weeks with a disease called putrid sore throat. She had apparently improved, and on Christmas morning a small Christmas tree which had been prettily prepared by a mother's adoring hands but loving heart, was brought and displayed to the little sufferer in her illness and give her as far as possible, a happy Christmas. The little girl looked at it, admired it, and then fell back upon her pillow and died.

No one was present to sympathize with the grief stricken mother. None of the kind neighbors who had come at times from the settlements below to assist the family were present, as it was thought the little girl was convalescing. Only Butler, the hired man, was there to assist in this critical hour. The only other child, a boy, Elbert older than the girl, was lying in bed suffering from the same disease, and the husband and father was slowly dying. It was an unexpected and hard blow to the poor mother, but she stood the test heroically.

A letter received in this city by Wm Renshaw states that when the news of the death of the child was conveyed to the father he fainted away into unconsciousness and was still in that condition Friday morning when the letter was being written.

Mrs Runey remained at the house alone with her sick and dead, while the hired man went through the snow over a mountain road to the McKenzie Bridge, the nearest settlement, five miles away for help.

The last remains of little Nellie Runey were placed in a coffin rudely made from the native woods, and the next day taken across the Avenue to the second knoll, where the snow had been scraped away and a grave dug in the frozen ground. There the body of this pure and simple child, sweet in the remembrance of all who knew her, was laid away in its last resting place amid scenes unusually lonely and sad.

The last services were simple but heart-touching, there where all were separate from the rest of the world, shut in by high mountains and heavy forests, and covered with snow three feet deep on the hills.

When the stage left the little boy was improving and it is thought he will recover.

The heartfelt sympathy of the people of Eugene and the valley is extended to Mrs Runey in her sorrow. She has passed through a severe ordeal, scarcely taking her clothes off, but being up constantly for several weeks.

RAILROAD NEWS.—A B Hammond, one of the principal owners of the O C & E R R, is in Portland, and denies that the S P R owns an interest in that road. The Oregonian says: "Big subsidies have been offered by Eugene and Salem for extensions to those cities, and according to Mr Stone, it may not be very long before the road has a line into each of those cities, which would place the company in a most profitable position. An extension in contemplation from Corvallis along the western bank of the Willamette river to Eugene, a distance of forty miles. By the latter part of this week the company will have two steamboats making regular trips on the Willamette river between Portland and Eugene. The steamer William M Hoag has just been refitted at Steffen's boatyard, in this city, and is already in service. The steamer N S Bentley has received an entire new hull, and will go in commission this week with a new name, not yet decided upon. Both of these steamers belong to the company, and are first-class in every respect.

ALL OVER A TAME ELK.—Oregonian: Game Protector McGuire has caused the arrest of Charles A Burckhardt, of the Franklin market, on a charge of having elk in his possession during the close season. This is the outcome of an elk's carcass having formed a part of the display for Christmas at the Franklin market. This elk was born and reared in a park at Seattle, and has never been a free, wild elk. It was a pet and was trained to go in harness. Mr Burckhardt bought it some 10 months since to fatten for his Christmas display, and he is much disgusted with the result.

THE CHASE CO.—The Chase Stock Co. was greeted by the largest house of the week Saturday night. The play "Nugget Nell," was presented without fault, and was enthusiastically received by the audience. The company closed a very successful week and have decided to remain another week. They received a lot of special scenery from Corvallis today which they will use this week.

SIGN YOUR NAME.—The petition asking congress to appropriate money for the improvement of the Willamette river and for the restriction of the Cascade Forest Reserve is now being circulated throughout the city and county. It should be signed by every person who has the welfare of this section of the state at heart. Hunt up the petition and sign it at once.

TRAIN ACCIDENT.

The Engine and Mail Car of the Southbound Roseburg Local Ditched Near Comstock.

The southbound Roseburg local, which passes through this city at 2 p m, ran into a cow at Scott's Mill, a short distance north of Comstock, yesterday afternoon and the engine and tender and the mail car were ditched. The engine and car both turned completely over, and the engine was badly mashed up. No one was seriously hurt.

Engineer Sully was pulling the train and he and his fireman both stuck to the engine and escaped without serious injury. Sully received rather a bad cut across his forehead. The track was blocked by the wreck and was not cleared until about five o'clock this morning. An engine and wrecking train was sent out from Salem to clear up the debris and repair the track. The southbound overland and flyer and the northbound overland and freight were all delayed by the wreck. The northbound overland passed through here about six o'clock this morning.

The Roseburg local was taken north this morning by the freight engine and crew which went south yesterday, and was 40 minutes late when it passed through this city.

None of the passengers were hurt, but all were considerably shaken up.

A Creamery.

Times Junction City will have a creamery. Mr S E Craig has been here for several days and at an adjourned meeting held Tuesday arrangements were made satisfactory to Mr Craig and he will have his factory ready by April 1st. The product of 215 cows have been secured and the committee expects to secure 300. The committee consists of R P Caldwell, Jesse Sovren, B S Hyland and Chas Dickerson. Those desiring to furnish cows will kindly confer with either of the above gentlemen. The factory will have a capacity of 500 pounds daily and can care for 1,000 cows if necessary. The plant will cost about \$2,000 and will probably be located on H S Wallace's place just outside the city limits. This is an enterprise that merits the patronage of every farmer as it will be the means of placing a cash market right at his door. A few cows with a ready cash market will furnish sufficient revenue to keep an ordinary family. Report promptly to the committee the number of cows you will subscribe.

LAST NIGHT'S PLAY.

The production of "The Pearl of Savoy" at the opera house last evening was witnessed by a large audience, in fact large audiences have prevailed throughout the week. Hettie Bernard Chase took the part of Marie, the Pearl of Savoy, and sustained the character in her customary pleasing manner and to the satisfaction of the audience. Alda Gardner, as Chouchou, the peasant girl, provoked laughter whenever she appeared and sustained her character to perfection, while Ed Gardner carried the part of Pietrot, a goat herd, with a full realization of the characteristics of an original Pietrot and a capital knack of bringing out the ridiculous parts. Mr Chase was excellent in the character of the commander, an aged fop, and Geo. W Hayes as the aged father of Marie, could not be surpassed. The minor support was good throughout. This afternoon the familiar play of Uncle Tom's Cabin was given as a matinee performance, and this evening will produce "Nugget Nell." They will doubtless be greeted by a packed house.

A CLEVER COMPOSITION.—The following composition is clipped from the Milton Eagle and is credited by that paper to a youth in the Milton schools: "A schoolmarm is a verb because she denotes action when you throw paper wads at the girls. Switch is a conjunction and is used to connect the verb schoolmarm and the noun boy. This is a compound sentence of which the boy is subject and switch the object. First person, plural number, an awful case. A schoolmarm is different from a boy; a boy wears pants and a schoolmarm wears her hair banged on her forehead. Ma says a schoolmarm never gets older than 18 before she gets married."

DR. SNAPP HURT.—Cottage Grove Leader: Dr. Snapp met with quite a severe accident last Tuesday evening. He had been called out to the country to see a patient, and while there, was called back in great haste to see a little child who was thought to be dying. He was riding rapidly and reigned up on approaching the bridge but as the horse stepped on the approach, it slipped and fell, catching his leg under it, breaking one bone, the fibula, about the lower third, and dislocating the tibia at the ankle joint. Dr. McKenney, of Eugene, came up on the local and dressed the limb, and the doctor is now resting as well as could be expected under the circumstances, but he will likely keep his bed for the next month or two.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.—The committee having in charge the organization of the Eugene Commercial Club met in the parlors of the First National bank this morning, and reported considerable encouragement, and concluded to push the matter forward to a successful termination. The committee will make a canvass of the city tomorrow for names. Every business man should join the organization as Eugene is greatly in need of just such a body.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—County Clerk Jennings has issued marriage licenses to Eugene C Cole and Miss Mabel L Brown; Wm L Owen and Dinah C Cox.

THE GYPSY.—The steamer Gypsy arrived here at 2 o'clock this afternoon with 10 tons of merchandise and miscellaneous cargo. The river stood 5 feet at this place.

A GOOD PRICE.—One of the large hogs displayed in this city Christmas day brought \$34.84 for the farmer who raised it. Pretty good price for a hog.

DIED.—At Cottage Grove, December 24, Daniel Keoch, of typhoid fever.

Personal.

Daily Guard, December 30. Geo M Jackson is in the city. Dr Oglesby, of Junction City, is in Eugene.

Miss Mary McCornack went to Portland today.

Mrs. E R Nye went to Albany today to visit friends.

Secretary of State Kincaid returned to Junction today.

Mrs S Handsaker returned from Junction today.

Miss Carrie Paine, of Salem, is visiting in the city.

Miss Emma Burris was an arrival from Salem today.

County Clerk Jennings is on the sick list and unable to work.

Wm Bogart, of Coburg, gave this office a pleasant call today.

Miss Clara Hall, of Monmouth, is visiting at Cottage Grove.

Miss Anna Miller, of Junction City visited in Eugene yesterday.

Miss Bird, of Drain Normal School spent the holidays in Eugene.

Mrs Z A Davis and children returned today from Harrisburg.

Oren Howe and sister Lola returned home today from a visit to Junction.

E H Sherman, of Butte, Montana, is in the city attending to some business.

Henry Laird, of Douglas county, is visiting his mother and sister here.

John Tait, a prominent citizen of Creswell, did business in Eugene today.

Rev Nief of Irving returned home this morning after a short visit in this city.

Attorney J R Wyatt, of Albany, spent Saturday night in Eugene on legal business.

Prof R P Baker left this morning for Chicago, his former home, where he will remain.

Fred Bellman has returned from Salem where he has been working for several months.

Tim Wandell, a merchant of Albany, returned home today, after a short visit in this city.

Mrs A C Auten and family have gone to Creswell where they will visit until after the holidays.

Mrs S S McFadden, of Portland, arrived this afternoon and will visit her mother, Mrs P R Burnett.

G W Crowell, the jeweler, will leave tonight with his family for Arzusa, Cal, where they will reside in future.

C S Williams of the electric light company went to Cottage Grove this afternoon to assist in setting up some of the new plant at that place.

Dr D A Paine, superintendent of the Oregon insane asylum at Salem, accompanied by his wife and daughter, are visiting in Eugene for a few days.

Miss Emma Withers of this city and Miss Pearl Corn, students of the Drain Normal School, were passengers to Drain yesterday on the local which was ditched at Comstock.

Attorney W W Cardwell, of Roseburg, visited in Eugene last evening. He was returning home from Portland where he had been defending Poole Bros., the Douglas county train robbers, in the US court. Mr Cardwell graduated from the U of O in 1884.

PLEASANT EVENING.—A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Lloyd Cherry, Pearl street between 7th and 8th, in a social party given him Saturday evening by his aunt, Miss Flora Adair. Quite a number of young people were invited and a very enjoyable time was had, refreshments being served during the evening.

Those present were: Misses Minnie Hawthorne, Abbie Kenyon, Ermine Thompson, Ruth Loveridge, Mertie Aut-n, Abbie and May Hemenway, Lila Straub, Winnie Miller, Grace Mount, Grace Wood, Nellie Roberts and Miss Bird of Drain. Messrs Lloyd Cherry, Frank and Melville Wire, Earl Ralph Adams, Charlie Watts, Walter Carrol, Wistar Hawthorne, Coke Bilyeu, Vinnie Straub and Irving Wold.

DOWN THE RIVER.—After a week's work near Eugene the U S snag boat dropped down the river to the mouth of the McKenzie, where they will have work for about ten days. Captain Hatch and his crew have many friends in Eugene who are always delighted to have them visit this place.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS.—Wm Williams has sold one-half of his delivery business to L R Livermore of this city, and the firm name will hereafter be Williams & Livermore. Mr Williams has always given excellent satisfaction alike to the business men and citizens.

PLEAD GUILTY.—Mr Touchette proprietor of the Touchette mill east of Walker's, appeared before Justice Wheeler today and pleaded guilty to the charge of dumping sawdust into Giltings creek. The lowest fine, \$25, was imposed.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Newberg Man Loses His Life in Portland.

Special to the GUARD. PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—Fred Baker, of Newberg, Yamhill county, janitor of the Dekum building, fell from the fifth story through a skylight this morning and was killed.

New Year's Resolutions.

Let us not compile a whole book full of resolutions to go into effect, to become dead letter laws by February 1. Rather let us think no more of them on that day than on any other, but form resolutions whenever we discover that they are needed, and keep them to the best of our ability. We won't be able to keep nearly all of them, but if we can manage a few, it's better than none at all. It does seem as if New Year's day is a "ho doo" to all good resolutions. The reason probably is that they are not made under the stress of a realization of the necessity of them, but because it is the thing to commence anew. Some day when you are thoroughly aroused to the necessity of "turning over a new leaf," turn it and hold it in place. When the "spirit moves you" is the time to do it.

Miss Paine Entertains.

Salem Journal: The most pleasant event of the holidays occurred Thursday evening at the home of Miss Leone Paine, daughter of Dr D A Paine, superintendent of the O S I A. It was in the form of a reception given in honor of Misses Rosalie Friendly and Anna McGee, of Eugene. The apartments of Dr Paine, as well as the spacious chapel, were very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour, and only interrupted by the sumptuous repast served in Dr Paine's dining room, which was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and mistletoe.

BARRACKS LOCATED.—Captain H P Nelson, late of Baker City, of the Salvation Army, who arrived in Eugene Saturday, has rented the south room in the Christian block for a term of three months, and will have the same seated at one to be used for barracks. He expects to open up the war on the enemy in two or three days with several soldiers. This organization is distinct from God's Army now located in the Lane building. Opposition in all matters seem to be the order of the day. Eugene will present a metropolitan appearance of evenings when the two armies are parading the streets and holding services.

COMPLIMENTARY.—The Florence West of last Friday has this to say about Eugene: "Last Saturday you might have seen a large number of people on the streets and in the stores of Eugene. It was a busy day in the avenues of trade. An onlooker had no difficulty in discovering that the wheels of commercial life were revolving more rapidly, and the volume of business transacted proves that Eugene still holds her rank as one of the best business cities in the Willamette valley."

ANOTHER SHOOTING ACCIDENT.—On Christmas day at James Wyoff's place up the McKenzie river, Lew Powers accidentally shot Ned Reams through the fleshy part of the right leg with a Winchester rifle. The parties were at a shoot match for turkeys and other meats, and the gun was accidentally discharged. Reams is not seriously hurt but the wound will lay him up for a time. Lane county still holds the banner for shooting accidents.

ONE ENTITLED TO IT.—At least one baby in Eugene is entitled to the San Francisco Chronicle silver Christmas cup. It is the one born to Mr and Mrs C E Doty on College Hill Christmas day.

MARRIED.—At the residence of W H Sherman, by Rev H C Wallace, December 22, Mr T C Brown and Miss Ethel Conrad, all of Lane county.

Taxes are paid on \$1,551,809 in money in Oregon according to the figures in the possession of the state board of equalization. There are several banks in Portland, each of which has more than that amount on deposit. This shows that the money account is not given in. This is a great injustice to the few men who do give in their money account. One man is no more under obligations to pay taxes on money than another.

There are two reasonable things which everybody should do: take good care of one's health; and if lost, regain it quickly, and to this everybody will agree. And there are a great multitude of people who are agreed that for both purposes Simmons Liver Regulator is the best helper. "I am troubled with torpid liver and nothing gives relief so quick like Simmons Liver Regulator."—R. R. Strange, Lake City, Fla.

A musical entertainment will be given in Hunter's hall at Creswell New Year's eve.

RIBBONS. CHRISTMAS. RIBBONS.

JUST OPENED.

289 PIECES WILL BE PLACED ON THE MARKET AT THE LOW FIGURE OF

10 CTS. FOR NUMBERS FROM 9 TO 22

Baby Ribbon, 11-2cts Per Yard.

Filo Silk! * Rope Silk!

Scrim and Linen for Fancy Work. Fancy Silk. Table Linen; Napkins.

Embroidered Slippers for Ladies and Gents.

Be sure and buy your child a pair of our School Shoes and get a Tablet for Xmas.

THE BIG STORE. **F. E. DUNN, Prop.**

The fire ladders went into the foot-ball game in high spirits, but "Oh, what a difference in the morning!"

The Dr Grant lecture controversy is being carried too far. No good will come to either side through continually agitating the matter.

The national democratic committee will meet at Washington January 16, to decide upon a city in which to hold the national convention. St. Louis will probably be selected.

Yaquina Bay News: Yaquina Bay, has two good champions on the River and Harbor Committee, Hon Binger Hermann, and Major C. N. Clark, of Missouri, who visited the Bay, last summer.

Eugene has a new flouting mill now, and everyone cannot help seeing the great benefit it is to Eugene. Is there nothing else in view? How about a creamery? Nothing would be better.—Eugene Register.

Congressman Herman has been given the chairmanship of the committee on arid lands and irrigation. This looks like he is set aside. He will have to go outside his district to find any occasion to exert himself in that line.

Salem has let Aumsville, Albany, Skamokawa, Tanzy Point, Nehalem and Tanbark Ridge get ahead of her. Will Eugene get her creamery before we get ours?—Salem Statesman.

No, Junction City is going to beat us with a creamery.

Pendleton has followed up the reductions of the salaries of the city officers by making sweeping reductions in the salaries of the school teachers. Fifteen teachers are employed and the reductions will make a saving to the school district of over \$3000 a year. The salaries now range from \$45 to \$90 a month.

This actually occurred in Albany this week. A gentleman was having an important document drawn. The scribe knew the man well, but to save himself he could not fix his name in his mind. We have all been there.

"Let's see, your initials are— 'John Henry,' only something else.

"Ab, how do you spell your last name?"

"B-r-o-w-n," said the man with a smile a mile wide.

While President Cleveland is almost universally upheld in his treatment of the Venezuelan question, there are a few New Yorkers who oppose his views and they held a meeting to denounce his course. There were but few participants in the discussion and they found but few supporters in their audience. The people of the United States do not court war, but they uphold Cleveland in his views of fighting, if need be, to maintain our rights.

The government will have plenty of substantial support in case of actual war over the Venezuela question, but much of the support now being offered would be of no service when it came to burning powder. A great many people throughout the country are making themselves ridiculous in trying to show their pretended patriotism. There is really no prospect of war yet, and no occasion for offering volunteers.

The chairman of the Oregon Press Association is in receipt of a cordial invitation from the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, to hold their next annual meeting at that city. An invitation has also been received from the Board of Trade of Oregon City, also an invitation from the Washington Press Association to meet with them at Yellowstone Park. The executive committee will meet early next spring and decide the question and establish rules for the guidance of the '96 meeting.

Florence West: "The West stated recently that the democrats and populists would put a fusion ticket in the field to defeat the republicans at the next election. So far as Lane county is concerned, this union of the opposition forces is not now denied by any one. Nearly the entire details are made up for county positions with Enoch Coleman to lead as candidate for state senator."

At this writing it seems quite likely that a fusion or non partisan ticket will be placed in the field at the next county election, and if good men are nominated, they will have an excellent chance of election. However, Col. Alley is drawing upon his fertile imagination when he says that the positions on the county ticket are being "detailed out and Enoch Coleman is to lead the ticket as State Senator." The convention or conventions will name the ticket, if such a one is nominated, and not a job lot of bosses. However, we will remark right here that Hon. E. P. Coleman would fill the position of senator with credit to the people and himself, or any other position, if nominated and elected.

Representative McBride—a representative will overlook no opportunity to advance the interests of his adoption." It is that Mr McBride is a representative of the Oregon. The "Hog" getting all the publicity excepting a few it is claiming U S "Sich like." What?

La Grand Chronicle are booming in the valley. Already candidates are being succeeded Mr Hermann district. The list includes Miller and W. I. Vanern Oregon; Thomas Washington county and T. T. Geer, of There are others who in the back-ground some opportunity to behind the first in aspirants, and the similar in the further all the activity is publicans.

The committee Oregon and Washington cured in the arrangement senate committee are Mitchell—Priestley, chairman; postoffices and post and construction of canal.

McBride—Transport to the seaboard, commerce, public lands, Indian depredations, expositions. Squire—Coast defense; man; commerce, public grounds, immigration, and construction of ragua canal.

Salem Daily Statesman: It is an unusual say the least, to have of the house, the ways and means, the great committee affairs and of the influential committee buildings and groups same small state. It is States of Maine" with and many of the disputes murmuring. So after all, is not the one a kick. In the New York got ten Pennsylvania nine, is very well taken Iowa, but the great in which resides Wiley, a candidate for but one chairmanship mittee.

The cry here has that Oregon does sufficient number of is well known that thousands of dollars the state for hog could as well be kept Oregon farmers would attention to supplying in this line. Oregon remarkable growth in years and the population state is now much 1885. In 1885 Oregon not near supply the state with all the hog assumed, and it is from statistics at hand the population of the greater than in 1885, of hogs has not rather diminished. In the population has in fifty per cent since 1885, number of hogs in the decreased from 21,073 16,351 in 1895. With of encouraging home this is an important in we are falling behind, is so hard to understand can raise as fine be raised anywhere, see no reason why the raised as cheaply here state in the Union, most prosperous farmers that he has made money on his potatoes than on any other product farm, and he has given to diversity in closely as a man can. to this, numerous in been called to the attention press by our farmers the remarkable growth hogs, the exact cost of its birth to the time of and the profit realized, have tended to show a profit for the care and production. It has been stated that hog raising is profitable, that the mand for the products cess of the home supply, past ten years the number in Lane county has decreased 10 per cent, while the of the county has increased. Something is wrong. Instead of falling in our home productions, at least make the keep pace with the population.