

It may not be generally known that a movement is on foot to restore the Bible to the public schools. An earnest effort is being made in Eugene to introduce religious reading into the several rooms, adding religious exercises to the teachers work for the day. Just how our very able and intelligent school board regard this going back to a long since abolished order of things is not, as yet definitely known. But the matter is one that interests the community at large, and the taxpayers and patrons of the school in particular. While most parents prefer to attend to the religious instruction of their children, it is claimed that a large percentage of the pupils in the public schools never hear the Bible read at all and are growing up in total ignorance of the literary beauty of the scriptures. The combined efforts of our home missionaries, Christian Endeavorers and Sunday school teachers, to say nothing of an active and earnest ministry falling to sufficiently cover the field, it is proposed to enlist the tireless public school teachers who after all the chief burden-bearer when it comes to responsibility for the young. The hard-worked teacher in the public schools can be counted upon to faithfully discharge any duty on to public sentiment through the medium of the school board may see fit to impose.

But this question of the Bible in the schools involves much more than at first sight appears and very closely approaches the old controversy of church and state. However it is well to remember that we have a school board not given to hasty judgments.

Eugene can feel a justifiable pride in her public schools. There are no better in the state, and it is a question if they are anywhere excelled. The advent of Prof Field marked the beginning of a new era. Since he became principal of our schools there has been a steady gain for good. Teachers, like artists and poets, are born, not made. The fact he is assisted in his work by thoroughly trained and superior teachers in no wise detracts from Prof Field's claims upon the gratitude of the people of Eugene.

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Party for Students.

Miss Dee Ankeny entertained the students of the Junior and Senior classes of the University, and a few others at her home on north Pearl street last evening. About 35 young people were present and the evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and listening to music until 10:30 o'clock, when supper was served, covers being laid for 33. After supper the time was spent in dancing until a late hour. Miss Ankeny was assisted in entertaining by Miss Laura Miller of the senior class, and Miss Balm Mann of the Junior class. The dining room and reception rooms were decorated in the colors of the two classes. Those present were: The Misses Ankeny, Mae Huff, Miss Nora Watkins, Mr C Bishop, Mr Russell Coleman and Mr Arthur Benson.

SENIORS.

Misses Dorothy Cooper, Margaret Underwood, Ada Hendricks, Belle Brown, Carrie Mallock, Edith Vezzie, Barbara Lauer, Lotta Johnson, Stella Robinson, Kate Kelly, Kate Patterson, Ida Nofsinger, Ida Roe, Laura Miller and Gertrude Widmer. Messrs J. L. Higgins, Fred Templeton, Fred Fisk, Lee Travis, Earl Church, Lincoln Farrington, Julian McFadden, Owen Vanduyne, Homer Keeney, Stuart Hannu and Clinton Woodson.

JUNIORS.

Misses Etta Eastland, Maud Kerns, Sybil Thurston, Blanch Taylor, Sadie Baum, Henrietta Lauer, Balm Mann, Theresa Friendly, Edith Harris, Edith Denny, Lillian Ackerman, Cora Hill, Florence Watkins and Julia Pitt; Messrs John Newsum, Howard Davis, Parry Overton, A Cleveland, Roy Hurley, Pate Holbrook, Carl Naragan, Herbert Murch, Ralph Brown, Frank White, Curtis Harris, Clyde Fogle, M H Stalker, Del Kuykendall, Bird Richards and Willie Young.

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**CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.**—A warrant was issued from Justice Wheeler's court at noon today for the arrest of a young man, Earl Sargent, who is charged with burglary. Sargent has been attending the university during the winter and worked his way. Lately he has been employed as a dishwasher at the Hoffman House. A few months ago he stole a watch from the premises of Senator J. D Driver. Evidence of the young man's guilt was not secured until today when the boy proceeded to give him a lecture on the error of his ways. The Dr. later, however, concluded to have the boy arrested and at noon swore out a warrant. The boy evidently had as little faith in the Dr. as did the latter in the former, for he got out of sight before the warrant was issued and has kept out of sight of the constable and entire police force ever since. Since the theft of the watch has come to light it is believed that the accused has stolen a number of articles which have disappeared from the Hoffman House from time to time. His parents reside near Dexter.

Wheat in California.

Stockton Mail: Unless the wheat fields should become unpropitious, the wheat fields of California of 1897 will be the largest in the history of the state. Never before was so much land sown to this cereal. The farmers have every confidence that the deficiency in the world's supply will absorb all the wheat that can possibly be raised next year at fair prices. Land that has lain fallow is being tilled this year, and many thousand of mules and horses are dragging the gang-plow through the fertile soil of the San Joaquin valley so that the depleted horse has again become an object of demand and value.

**LETTERS STOLEN.**—Three letters were taken from a lady's cloak at the New England supper Wednesday evening. The guilty party is known and is notified to return the same through the postoffice at once or else criminal proceedings will be commenced.

Members Signing an Agreement to Quit After Tuesday.

**Benson House Adjourned.**—The Benson house has adjourned over until Monday at 2:30 p. m. The Davis house has adjourned until tomorrow.

Representative Venues of Polk county, is circulating an agreement refusing further attendance upon the legislature after next Tuesday if some kind of a compromise or legal organization is not completed.

Twenty-one members of the lower house have already signed the document.

Legislative Notes.

180. Driver, by request, granting charter to the Eugene Divinity school. Dr Driver explained that this is a Christian church institution, duly organized, and explained that this bill might be termed an "enabling act," and necessary to give the school power to issue "passports to heaven" in the form of diplomas.

129. Driver, to provide for inspection of all correctional institutions, hospitals, schools etc. Public institutions.

130. Driver, to prevent wearing of denominational insignia by public school teachers. Education.

Salem Journal: The Mitchell egg is added and will never hatch. A new hen must now be got on, or an incubator set to work to hatch a senator for Oregon at the window. While the legitimate work of the people can be proceeded with at no distant day, it is in order to name men who may be considered in the senatorial class. We assume that no more Mark Hanna's will "go down" in Oregon. Wealth alone won't count. Men must be found clearly on one side or the other of the money question. So we take the liberty to enumerate persons spoken of as a gold standard possibilities: H W Corbett, Wm P Lord, Geo H Williams, Henry Felling, H W Scott and Joe Simon. As bimetallics: H R Kincaid, H L Barkley, J B Waldo, Binger Herman, Johnathan Bourne, Sylvester Pennoyer, Lark Bilyeu and Wm H Holmes.

The following cigarette bill was introduced by request by Senator Johnson: "Section 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful in this state to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, or to sell, barter, trade, or in any manner furnish or dispose of, or to have in possession for the purpose of sale, cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, or cigarette paper in any form in the state of Oregon.

"Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500.

"Section 3. Justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts for all offenses arising under this act." The bill carries an emergency clause, which an exchange says will mean its defeat, as nine out of ten bills with emergency clauses fail to pass. The bill though is good enough one. The cigarette cannot be set down on too hard.

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**A COLD HOUSE.**—So far as the performance was concerned, Parter's opera house opened under favorable auspices last night, but so far, as the comfort of the audience was concerned the house might have been taken for a cavern on the interior of an arctic iceberg. Everybody kept their heavy wraps on and shivered at the wish for the performance to come to a close so that they could go home and get warm once more. Last night is not the first time an audience has had to suffer an unwished for game of "freezout" in the opera house. The same thing occurred last winter. The house is not sufficiently supplied with heating apparatus and what there is, as a rule, is not properly looked after.

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**THE WEBBING SISTERS.**—The Webbing Sisters were greeted at Parker's opera house last night by about half a house, but gave an entertainment that merited a much better audience. The three sisters, assisted by Miss Elsie McFarland, are all artists and besides their singing and dancing entertained the audience with a number of sentimental farces, in which the character impersonations were good and the tunes rich and beautiful. Miss Lucy is the star of the trio and was plainly the favorite of the audience from the opening of the performance. The sisters appeared last night under the auspices of the music committee of the Congregational church.

**RESULT OF FASTING.**—John Lynch, who a few days ago completed a 10-day fast, which he underwent with the hope of curing chronic inflammatory rheumatism, is now able to be out daily and perform various light duties. While fasting he was reduced to about 115 pounds in weight, but since that time has gained about 15 pounds. He suffers but very little from rheumatism since fasting and feels confident that he has hit upon a remedy which will eventually effect a complete cure. He will recuperate until about March 1, and will then enter upon another longer fast.

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**THE IRVING BAND.**—The Irving band furnished the music for the entertainment given at the opera house last night by the Webbing Sisters and did very well. This band has been organized only about a year, and its members live long distances apart so that practice meetings have not been frequent or regular, and during the summer months no practices were held at all. The band under the leadership of Mr. John Christian makes very good music.

Hatfield is Elected.

Boise, Idaho, Jan 25.—Henry Hatfield has been elected United States senator to succeed Dubois.

The senate of the U of O, held its regular meeting last night in Phillipsian Hall. A short business meeting of the society was held first, at which the names of nine young men proposed for membership, were voted upon. After transacting some other business the society adjourned and the regular work of the senate was taken up.

President Woodson called the senate to order. After roll call the journal of the previous session was read and approved. The regular order of business was then taken up and Senator Applegate of Klamath county, introduced a memorial to congress asking that Crater Lake and surrounding country be set apart as a national park. This caused a very interesting debate, but the majority of the senators favored it and the memorial was passed.

Under the head of bills, Senator Hanna introduced joint resolution No. 1, entitled "An act to amend the constitution of Oregon that the right of suffrage be given to both sexes." The resolution was laid on the table.

Senate bill No 13, entitled "An act to regulate the use of money appropriated to the University of Oregon," was introduced by Senator Day. The substance of this bill was that no money be given to support the work of the University lower than the Freshman class. This caused a very lively debate, over twenty of the senators taking part in the discussion. The bill failed to pass.

The open session which was to have been held Feb. 12, has been postponed to Feb. 19.

At the next meeting the question of changing the constitution of Oregon so that equal suffrage be allowed to both sexes will be debated and a lively time is expected.

All are most cordially invited to attend these sessions.

Commissioners Court.

In the matter of road district No 67, in south part of Lane county. Ordered established.

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L. Borling, constable for G'entons precinct, who was elected but failed to file his bond in time was appointed by the court.

In the matter of the Fremont and Mills road (south slough road) in township 18 south, range 11 west. C H Anderson filed claim of damages in the sum of \$250. Geo O Knowles, J A McLeod and C B Morgan appointed viewers to assess damages.

**GOODS REPLEVINED.**—Along sometime in last December, Eliza Moffett, a colored lady who resided in the western part of the city, died, her husband being at the time in California. Nothing of his whereabouts could be learned at that time and friends and neighbors looked after the sick woman during her long illness and gave her a decent burial after death. For this they put in an expense bill and sold household goods, etc to cover the same. Later the husband of the deceased lady has returned to this city and claims the property left, of which there is a house and lot besides the goods that were sold. The house and lot, however, is mortgaged for \$100. This afternoon \$70 worth of the household goods which were purchased by Winter & Manville, second hand dealers, and \$75 worth of goods held by S J Sills, were replevined by Moffett. According to law the goods must be held for six days, and the matter will not come up for trial until February 5.

**ROAD DRAINAGE.**—The worst roads all over this country are so for lack of drainage. Too few supervisors place sufficient stress upon that feature of road work, and then some farmers are inclined to fill up such ditches with brush, old rails or other impediments to the free flow of water. The man who leaves his own lands unditched from year to year is not apt to make a good road master. We know of a few supervisors who have a habit of going all over their districts every few weeks to see where work is most needed and then they manage to soon put work there. Wonder who will prove themselves the best supervisors during 1897. Will the public please report to us where any extra good road work is being done, that we may use it as a stimulus for other districts.

**HOP RETURNS.**—Dallas Reiterer: "Yesterday Criden & Co received received returns from 1,370 bales of hops sent to London by I M Simpson, John and Charlie Farley, Myer & Anderson, Peter and Otto Hansen, Isaac Hughes, Jas Younkum, Will and Columbus Younter, Younkum & Plummer, E B Harris and John Haworth. The net returns ranged from 61 to 104 cents a pound the aggregate being about \$11,000. They have yet about 200 bales to hear from."

**SHAKESPEARE CLUB.**—The Shakespeare Club met at the home of the Misses Chase. In the absence of both the president and vice-president, the secretary, at the request of the club, presided. The reading of *The Tempest* was concluded. The next play to be read and studied will be *Coriolanus*. The club then adjourned to meet next Tuesday with the Misses Walton, at their home on Willamette street.

**CHANGE OF DRIVERS.**—Elmer Roberts has sold his horse and wagon to E. M. Garrison, who will hereafter drive the Fargo & Co's express wagon in this city. Mr Garrison is an old hand at the business, having occupied the same position for a number of years before. He will take charge of the wagon next Tuesday. Mr Roberts expects to leave soon for Rossland, B. C., where his brother Otto, now is.

**TRAINLOAD OF CATTLE.**—A special train of 21 cars of stock cattle passed through this city last evening. The cattle were consigned from Junction City and Harrisburg to California by a San Francisco buyer.

**HORSES DYING.**—Quite a number of horses are reported to have died within the past few days on the River place south of town. Horses are also reported to be dying at Elmira. The latter are affected with blind staggers.

They Hold Up Last Night's North Bound Overland Train Near Roseburg.

**Make a Small Hunt.**—The northbound overland train was held up at the Sheridan field about one mile and one-half south of Roseburg last night at about 11:45 o'clock. The place selected was an ideal one for a train robbery the mountains closing nearly together at the point, making the canyon quite narrow, thus permitting the robbers to escape with ease. The night was also a perfect one for the business, being extremely dark and a light rain falling. It appears that at Myrtle Point the first station south of the hold up two of the robbers got on the blind baggage. When the point selected for the robbery was reached the engineer was flagged, and immediately the two robbers on the blind baggage crawled on the tender and covered him with revolvers compelling him to stop the train. By some means, the fireman slid off the engine and started to Roseburg to give the alarm, running most of the way. The robbers knowing he had escaped made haste to do their dastardly work. The express messenger was commanded to open the doors to his car but he refused. Then they commenced exploding dynamite bombs scattered through to the day coaches shooting at the robbers a couple of times without effect. The highwaymen then attempted to blow up the safes. The smaller one, used for way stations was blown to pieces but the large through safe stood the ordeal thus preventing them from obtaining the much prized reward for their night's work. About this time the car caught on fire. Then the robbers entered the mail car and took the strap lock registered mail pouch, carrying it away with them. The passengers were not molested.

It looked for a time as if the entire train would be consumed by fire, but by hard work only the express car was burned, it being totally so, including all the baggage and express matter. The rear end of the mail car was considerably burned, and it is said that one of the highwaymen helped extinguish the fire in this car.

The robbers disappeared and was seen by a farmer going over the hills, shortly after carrying lanterns. There were five of them.

The fireman, Mr. Hendricks, upon his arrival in Roseburg, told of the hold-up in a few words, and procured a horse and a Winchester, accompanied by the two Parrot brothers and returned to the place of the hold-up but the robbers had been gone a few minutes. It is estimated that the entire amount prepared by the train robbers would not exceed \$50.

**NOTES.**—The firing of the dynamite bombs was plainly heard in Roseburg. Quite a crowd was at the depot this morning when the overland arrived at 8:30 to look at the cars, and learn all particulars possible. The fault showed the effects of the burning of the end, and the side was splintered some from the effects of the dynamite bombs, while in the smoker several of the window glass were broken by the concussion. The two broken and later tested safes were taken to Portland on the local train to be opened. They showed that they had received rough treatment.

About one year ago a similar hold up of the train took place near Riddle, in Douglas county and the robbers were caught and convicted. They were real cents of the county.

It is thought the robbers reside in the neighborhood. One of the gang seemed to be an expert in the business and he did the work, the balance looking on and guarding him.

The sheriff of Douglas county and a large posse are scouring the hills after the robbers. The S P R R offers a large reward for their capture, as also does the government and Wells Fargo & Co's Express.

When the train passed through here this morning the headlights were brightly lighted up. It was suggested that the train men were still a little nervous.

**Harry Miller Knocked Down.**—CORVALLIS, Jan. 23.—Special.—Hon. H B Miller, president of the Agricultural college, and J Fred Yates, chairman of the republican county central committee, has a fist fight on the streets this morning. The trouble grew out of Miller accusing Yates of criticizing his administration of the school, and when Miller called Yates down, the latter knocked him down, when the crowd pulled Yates off to prevent his inflicting body injury to the Professor. Yates is a brother of the Prosecuting Attorney of the second district.

Correspondence in Roseburg Plaindealer, rep: Bilyeu of Lane has threatened to read the riot act to the contending factions if they don't get together soon. He said, and truthfully, that one side was not all right nor was the other all wrong and there must be mutual concessions.

John Ditchburn, charged with unprofessional conduct, and being an unfit person to practice law, on account of his action in the Steeves' case, has made answer to his accuser Messrs. Mason, Pipes, Huston and McClain, and denies the charge in toto. The suit is before the Hillsboro court.

A Yamhill paper which jumped on the editor of the Transcript, received the following classical notice: That's right, Clark, you are eyed, disappointed because you couldn't get to bed, tobacco-spitting chameleon, you just hop onto Snyder, of the Transcript just because you know he is away and can't defend himself, you confounded sneak. But, little as we may be, and green as we may look, we are here to defend him. There, take that, you green big O, and if that is not enough, come up and we'll knock all the teeth down your mostly manly man, so that you can't follow us, and knock your other eye out so that if you change to "fine eye," you couldn't see to spit on anyone.

SECRETARY KINCAID.

At its first session the senate of the present Oregon legislature ordered copies of Hill's annotated code and session laws up to date, but Secretary of State Kincaid refused to buy the same unless a bill or joint resolution authorizing the expenditure of this amount of money, about \$1270, was regularly passed on roll call of both house. He returned the resolution and has not heard from the senate since then.

**REFUSES PRINTING EXPENSES.**—Following correspondence between the secretary of state and the state printer explains itself:

STATE OF OREGON,  
SALEM, Jan 27 1897.

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Knowing you to be fully informed as to the facts involved, I ask whether, as the auditing officer of the State, you would approve or disapprove my account against the state for such printing, should I do the work.

Yours respectfully,  
W. H. LEEDS,  
State Printer.

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Replying to your inquiry, I beg leave to state that your account for all printing authorized by law or ordered by the Legislative Assembly will be audited and approved.

In my opinion there has not been at the present session any permanent organization of the House of Representatives, and the present organization now assuming to transact business has no authority to direct the printing of bills. As the auditing officer of the State, I would consider it my duty to disapprove any claim presented against the State for printing such bills, unless the Legislative Assembly composed of the Senate and House duly organized hereafter should authorize payment of said claim.

Very respectfully,  
H. R. KINCAID,  
Secretary of State.

Pendleton E O: The people are between the devil and the deep blue sea. Between Joe Simon and his crowd and Mitchell and his gang they are asked to choose. There is little or no preference between them. On this account the people care little whether the legislature is organized or not. Simon is standing out on just as selfish grounds as Mitchell. His aims are no higher or nobler. His methods are just as bad, his principles are nothing. They are both politicians, struggling for power in order that they may feel, thrive and fatten from the people. If there were no legislature for ten years to come the people's burden would be no heavier than it will be with a Simon or Mitchell legislature every two years. They are both corruptionists and neither deserving of being entrusted with the affairs of state. There is no choice between them and the people are in no humor to make any.

Great pressure has been brought upon the secretary of war to give the grandson of Robert E Lee, who recently failed in examination at West Point, another chance. He has decided to permit young Lee to be re-appointed by his congressman and to enter a lower class. This was done in the case of the son of Gen Grant, and is a case of frequent occurrence. But there is not, we believe, a case on record, where a man who failed on examination, has been permitted to re-enter the same class, either at West Point or Annapolis. Secretary Lamont has been asked to make an exception in the case of Gen Robert E Lee's grandson.

Portland Dispatch: Lark Bilyeu, democratic representative from Lane, and Dr Lee, of Polk, have the hearty endorsement of the Democrats throughout the state, also of all earnest and true blood-alists, for the stand they have taken.

**THE FOLLOWING FROM THE PENDLETON E O., IS ABOUT A FALLEN MAN, WELL TOLD: There are hundreds of acquaintances of Gea R Lash in Pendleton who carry an increased burden in their hearts since the expose in his affairs. They sympathize with his family and wish it were in their power to render fitting assistance in this their hour of need. It is not true that his former friends have forgotten him. They are simply silent in their pity, recognizing that the time to render him assistance has passed. Not one of his real friends suspect of his crime until the expose came. Had he spoken "the truth" before 1887 was ushered in, he could have obtained all the help necessary to set him in the straight and narrow way and saved him and his family the calamity that has so suddenly befallen them. No one excuses him for his crime. He was reckless in its perpetration and silent under the terrible strain that followed its performance. So far as the penalty falls upon him, no one complains. It is deserved. He must feel so himself. But it falls upon others, fall upon those dear to him, upon the whole of society, and the pain and injury inflicted cannot be alleviated or met by any thing that human hands may do.**

**THE GRAIN PRODUCTION.**—The estimates by state and territory area, of the product and value of the corn and wheat crops of the United States for 1896, made by the statistician of the department of agriculture are as follows: Corn area, 81,627,000 acres; product 2,283,287,000 bushels; value, \$4,910,7000; yield per acre, 28.2 bushels; farm price per bushel, 21.5. Total wheat area, 34,619 acres; product, 437,587,000; value, \$310,003,000; yield per acre, 12.4 bushels; farm price per bushel, 72.6 cents.

The minister of Argentina, Hon., William I Buchanan, reports to the State department under date December 9th: "I have followed the news from the wheat districts very carefully for the past three months, and have traveled through one of the wheat provinces. My observations lead me to believe that the quantity for export will be between 480,000 and 640,000 tons, probably nearer the first than the second figure. The amount exported during this year was 504,459 tons."

It has been suggested that farmer Burlington should plant his corn crop about this time.

Lyman J Gage, the gold democrat, slated for the secretary of treasury, is the man made famous by "Coin's Financial School."

Hon George Turner, of Spokane, has been elected U S Senator from Washington. He is a populist but not a "middle-of-the-road" kind.

Portland Oregonian: Senator Driver has secured the appointment of his wife's brother, H S Williams, to the committee on penal institutions, of which Driver is chairman.

The Bookman announces that a new "Life of Christ" will soon be issued. It may be a good one, but it will have to be better than the public expects if it beats the one written by Luke.

The last speech made by senator Dolph in the senate was on the Nicaragua canal question in December 1894. The last speech made by senator Mitchell was on the same subject in December '86.

The estimated amount of wood contained in Oregon City by the factories and for private use during the winter months is three hundred cords per day. At this rate a pretty good sized hold is made in the forest about the Falls City each year.

Representative Somers of Linn county has prepared a new appropriation bill of the state legislative district. It provides that Lane county shall have one senator and a joint one with Lincoln and Benton, and three representatives. Multnomah under the bill would have eight senators and fifteen representatives.

Salem Independent: Old Judge Hayden, of Polk, met Dr Driver at the door of the senate chamber the other day. The Judge and the doctor had been friends for many years. When the judge met him he said in his rough and honest manner: "Doct or, you have been praying for me for the last forty years, but I'll be a—d if you ever caught me among such a crowd as I have now caught you. Now, doctor, come outside and let us pray for you." The doctor, however, didn't think the prayers of such men as his friend, the judge, would amount to much, and so he didn't go. And thus the gentleman from Polk was saved the trouble of interesting for his old time friend.