

Correspondence

COLUMBIA ACADEMY. December 18, 1874. Ed. INDEPENDENT:—Though I am unused to writing for publication, I will drop you a few lines from our part of the valley.

Columbia Academy seems to be the popular center now. Mr. W. H. Parker teaches a large writing class there twice a week, and occasionally gives the young folks the benefit of a spelling school. The one he gave on last Friday night caps anything of the season. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity, and every one came forward as he was chosen, and the most enthusiastic rivalry between the two sides were manifested. All were eager to see which side would beat. After it was decided a recess was given, after which everyone in the house stood up to see who could stand up the longest without missing a word. After about one hour of the most hotly contested rivalry I ever saw in a spelling school, Mrs. Parker (the teacher's wife), walked off with the spoils, every one having been spelled down but her. The best of order prevailed during the whole evening, indeed, you could have heard a pin drop. Mr. Parker has a great faculty for preserving good order. I think we have one of the best county district schools in the county, though we have been cheated several times in our teachers heretofore. Our present teacher, Mr. W. H. Parker, understands his business exactly and goes along and does it, and we are thereby made happy.

WHY THE BUTTER DIDN'T COME.

They have a new hired girl over at Keyser's farm, just outside of Newcastle, and on Tuesday, before starting to spend the day with a friend, Mrs. Keyser instructed the girl to whitewash the kitchen in her absence. Upon returning, Mrs. Keyser found the job completed in a very satisfactory manner. On Wednesday Mrs. Keyser always churns, and last Wednesday when she was ready she went out, and finding that Mr. Keyser had already put the milk into the churn, she began to turn the handle. This was at eight o'clock in the morning, and she turned until ten without any signs of butter appearing. Then she called in the hired man, and he turned until dinner time, when he knocked off with some very offensive language addressed to that butter which had not yet come. After dinner the hired girl took hold of the crank and turned it energetically until two o'clock, when she let go with the remark which conveyed the impression that she believed the churn to be haunted. Then Mr. Keyser came out and said he wanted to know what was the matter with that churn anyhow. It was good enough if people only knew enough to work it. Mr. Keyser then worked the crank until half past three, when as the butter had not come, he surrendered again to the hired man because he had an engagement in the village. The man ground the machine to an accompaniment of frightful imprecations. Then the Keyser children each took a turn for half an hour, then Mrs. Keyser tried her hand, and when she was exhausted, she again enlisted the hired girl, who said her prayers while she turned. But the butter didn't come. When Keyser came home and found the churn still in action, he blasted his eyes and did some other innocent swearing, and then he seized the handle and said he'd make the butter come if he kicked up an earthquake in doing it. Mr. Keyser effected about 200 revolutions of the crank a minute, enough to have made any ordinary butter come from the ends of the earth; and when the perspiration began to stream from him and still the butter did not come he uttered one wild yell of rage and disappointment and kicked the churn over the fence. When Mrs. Keyser went to pick it up she put her nose down close to the butter-milk and took a sniff. Then she understood how it was. The girl had mixed the whitewash in the churn and left it there. A good, honest, and intelligent servant who knows how to churn can find a situation at Keyser's. There is a vacancy.—Max Adler.

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Executor's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has filed his final account as Executor of the last will and testament of H. B. Bones, Dec'd in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, and that THURSDAY after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1875, at 10 o'clock a. m. has been set for the final hearing of said matter.

S. A. HOLCOMB.

Notice of Administrator.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County Administrator of the estate of G. M. Raymond deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the office of Thos. H. Tongue in Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, with the proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof.

THOMAS W. SAINE.

Hillsboro, Dec. 31, 1874.

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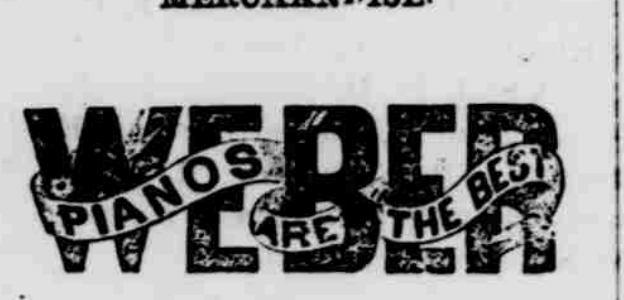
The great political revolutions of the last decade, by the natural result of the lapse of time, have brought into public view a multitude of new men, whose names are in every one's mouth, and of whose lives every one is curious to know the particulars. Great battles have been fought and important sieges maintained, of which the details are as yet preserved only in the newspapers or in the transient publications of the day, but which ought now to take their place in permanent and authentic history. In preparing the present edition of the work, it has accordingly been the aim of the editors to bring down the information to the latest possible dates, and to furnish an accurate account of the most recent discovery, in science, every fresh production in literature, and of the latest inventions in the practical arts, as well as to give succinct and original record of the progress of political and historical events. The work has been begun after long and careful preliminary labor, and with the most ample resources for carrying on to a successful termination. None of the original stereotype plates have been used, but every page has been printed on new type, forming in fact a new Cyclopaedia, with the same plan and compass as the predecessor, but with a far greater pecuniary expenditure, and with such improvements in its composition as have been suggested by longer experience and enlarged knowledge. The illustrations which are introduced for the first time in the present edition have been added not for the sake of pictorial effect, but to give greater lucidity and force to the explanations in the text. They embrace all branches of science and of natural history, and depict the most famous and remarkable features of scenery, architecture, and art, as well as the various processes of mechanics and manufactures. Although intended for instruction rather than embellishment, no pains have been spared to insure their artistic excellence; the cost of their execution is enormous, and it is believed they will find a welcome reception as an admirable feature of the Cyclopaedia, and worthy of its high character. This work is sold to subscribers only, payable on delivery of each volume. It will be completed in sixteen large octavo volumes, each containing about 800 pages, fully illustrated with several thousand Wood Engravings, and with numerous colored Lithographic Maps. Price and Style of Binding. In extra cloth, per vol., \$5.00. In library leather, per vol., 6.00. In half Turkey Morocco, per vol., 7.00. In half Russia, extra gilt, per vol., 8.00. In full Morocco, antique, gilt edges, per vol., 10.00. In full Russia, per vol., 10.00. Four volumes now ready. Succeeding volumes, until completion, will be issued once in two months. Specimen pages of the AMERICAN CYCLOPAEDIA, showing type, illustrations, etc., will be sent gratis, on application. FIRST-CLASS CARVERS AGENTS WANTED Address the Publishers, D. APPLETON & CO., 349 & 351 Broadway, N. Y.

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