

UNSECTARIAN.

President Marsh of Pacific University made an announcement from the pulpit in the Methodist church at this place two Sabbath's since which surprised and pleased many. He declared for the policy adopted by a convention of Presbyterians and Congregationalists last year in the East that in town too small for the support of two churches that the two denominations should unite, the denomination having the start in any town or place to receive the support of both. But the Doctor took even broader and less sectarian ground than that Convention. He favored the support of any one of the evangelical churches by all the christians of the place where two churches would burden the community and starve the minister. He did not believe it honorable for the people in this country where wealth is so evenly distributed and everybody in good circumstances, to ask for funds from the East donated by widows and orphans to support our ministers. But where we divide up the christian people into two or three churches in every little town they instinctively look somewhere else for a part of the means for the support of their minister. He did not advise the Congregationalists at Hillsboro to unite with the Methodist church. He only expressed his own individual opinion. He believed that all the churches were coming to the acceptance of Christ for their Savior as the common basis of their faith and fellowship. He was done with sectarianism. He hoped he would never think of such smallness any more. He never would preach again to a denomination, but to the people, and for Christ.

Our Itemizers.

The INDEPENDENT has already gained an efficient corps of itemizers in this county, and who gather up the news in their neighborhoods because they are alive and active and take an interest in their county paper and the progress of their own home institutions. Our correspondents at Beaverton, Middleton, Glencoe, The Grove, Dilley, Gaston, Cornelius, all have our heartfelt thanks for their help.

Few men have the talent for gathering the neighborhood news and picking the wheat out of the chaff and straw and sending the clean grains to the newspaper grist-mill. And fewer still is the number who can write out the items after they have gathered them, in a brief, pointed and compact style. Of course news items should not be bare bones; they need some of the flesh of humor and wit upon them to make them palatable.

Now we have gained these itemizers and we do not intend to let them go if we can help it.

We are also under obligations to all of our contributors for their productions and ask a continuance of their favor.

There is one class of people however whose communication we invite—the farmers. Our columns are open to this class for the discussion of matters pertaining to their work and interests.

Good for the State—Not so Good for the County.

Sheriff Tozier, in collecting taxes for this county finds that several estates have been doubly assessed. Now the county will be considerably loser by this. For every double assessment, the State collects a double tax off of this county while the latter can collect tax on only one assessment. These double assessments arise from the sale of property in the county to parties who settle upon the same, by non-residents, and the Assessor, not knowing that any transfer has been made, assesses the property twice, first on the premises when he is making his rounds, and then from the books containing a list of non-residents to whom the property was assessed the previous year. Sheriff Tozier has found a way by which to avoid these vexatious double assessments, and that is by indicating any transfers of property made by non-residents, on the books where their names occur.

TO THE COLUMBIA.

For long Ages had the shock of elemental Warfare rent the mountain chains and ground to Sand the ancient rocks, before thy waters, Gathered from increasing mists and melting Snows, rolled first where now they roll; before the Gods of time wrote here their hieroglyphs and Scrawled upon these sealed and unlettered crags, The tally-scores of years in haste to pass. Aeons and aeons ground to dust, blinding The road we came! Thou, O, many-voiced Columbia, seem'st of a later birth. No echoes mad'at thou were when light first rent The veil of earth. Yet dare we call thee young. Or lay our hands upon theage which brought thee forth? The greedy sum of years that man Has flung aside, would like a pebble sink Within thy depths and there remain. Time, slumbering heavily amid the Dim monotony of primal times leaped To his feet when first thy flood began its Course, and now he walks with strides where then Reclined.

Unfold thy memories, River; remembrances imprisoned in Thy voice, and in thy noiseless breath, and in Thy restless haste, awaiting but the soul To call them forth. Is not thy heavy thrill Resounding on these hoary walls as old As they? Dost thou not chant the songs of other Times, and smite the harp-strings tuned ten thousand Years ago? Thus sang thy waves when tented Tribes were wand'ring along thine earliest Bounds, and in thy present tone we catch the Hum of feet, the click of horses' hoofs, the Flap of tents blown by the wind. Still sang thy Waves the same slow monotone when unknown Kings were warring here for brief dominion; Victors and vanquished thus have fought and died While as a drop of amber fields some insect In a crystal tomb, dost thou preserve for Us the burden of their song. One chord, most Solemn of them all, was snatched by thee from Solitude: for when the uncouth mastodons That slaked their thirst along thy tributary Streams, and all the monsters which of old held Brutal sway, had strewn their skeletons about The hills, when man, the last, the proudest, and Most brief, had dwindled down to nothingness, The Thought that brought thee forth ruled over thee Alone, and charged thy waves with thoughts of Him.

Oh, what floods of sound, what rainbow hues, what Heights, immeasurable, what gleaming snows, Sights, sounds and sense are all commingled here! How the sea-wind shrieks through the narrow pass, Reverberating on the naked bluffs! The lost wail of centuries seeking bound And finding none.

The glinting light of Sun or moon that shot past rugged battlements And then was treasured in the flood, now Rises up again to drape the dizzy Heights. Snow, mountains, darkness, and the falling Streams are but remembrances of older Days. We only blot the dream. Or do the Hills and waters know their age? the moon and Stars know theirs? Does nature read her calendars Herself? In these unfolded memories, We ever find our own. For what contains The past but prophecies to come? Is not The past itself the future's memory?

Tell us, river, if Thou hast not been the worshipped deity Of some unstoried race. For men ascend By steps from god to god, and thou perhaps Hast had thy turn, though superseded now, The god of sight and beauty, first, and then The god of love and thought.

The wat'ry Moloch thou hast been of many A sacrifice. To propitiate thy Wrath, mothers have fed thee on the lives Intrusted to thy care; maidens and the Noblest youths, adorned with flowers and decked In sacrificial loveliness, have been Consecrated to thy hand, and hushed on Thy oozy bed still wait thy pard'ning voice, As others wait in vain the voice of other Gods.

The pageant of the past Fades out again, while life adjusts his load And stumbles on. We leap the intervening Gap of years, and find ourselves still living Where we were. And yet we still have double Sight, and when the river sobbs and moans in Varied tones, and when the dusk obscures the Ragged edges of these rock-castles of Majestic height, we see them crowned anew with citadels, with huts and lonely tents, And the steamboat on the rocking tide dashes Into some fantastic semblance to our dream.

W. D. LYMAN. Forest Grove, Oregon.

The poem we published last week and the two this week we think a great deal of. "Dith'e's" is pure and sweet—she is always musical. The other, by an anonymous writer, and written many years ago when the logical and more useful prose of life had not enveloped him, has a sensitive and philosophic vein characteristic of the writer. The climax is particularly fine. We noticed last week.

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MARRIED.

By Rev. G. W. Rook, Feb. 24, 1875, at the residence of B. A. Holcomb Esq., Mr. Wayne W. Holcomb of West Union and Mrs. Christina W. A. Hanson, of Bethany, all of Washington county.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Ordinance No. 10.

THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF FOREST GROVE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: That Ordinance No. 8 is hereby amended, after the words, "the covering board shall be of yellow fir," to read, "not more than eight inches nor less than five inches wide." Passed Board Trustees January 24, 1875. A. H. S. WATT, Pres. Board Trustees. A. L. JOHNSON, Recorder.

ORDINANCE NO. 11.

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE TO BUILD SIDEWALKS ON CEDAR, PINE AND WALNUT STREETS. THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF FOREST GROVE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Sec. 1. Sidewalks shall be built in accordance with the provisions of ordinance No. 8 passed Board of Trustees Nov. 13th 1874, on frontage of blocks and lots named and numbered in succeeding section. Sec. 2. On north side of lot No. 2 in Block No. 40 owned by Thos. Roe and assessed at \$32.00; on north side of E. 1/2 lot No. 3 in block 40 owned by Thos. Roe and assessed at \$16.00; N. side W. 1/2 lot No. 3 in block No. 40, owned by N. R. Wells assessed at \$16.00; north side of lot No. 2 block No. 41 owned by F. Hubbard assessed at \$32.00; north side of lot No. 3 block No. 41 owned by Thos. Roe and assessed at \$32.00; east side of lot No. 1, B. Campbell assessed at \$16.00; and E. side of same lot 50 ft. to W. D. Hoxter assessed at \$14.00; same lot east side 50 ft. assessed to W. H. Saylor at \$14.00; on east side of lots No. 1 & 2 same block 50 ft. owned by W. Carey Clarke assessed at \$14.00; east side lot 2 same block 46 ft. owned by J. W. Robinson assessed at \$14.00; east side lot 2 same block 23 ft. owned by Peter Harper assessed at \$7.00; East side lot 2 same block owned by W. L. Hudson assessed at \$10.00; south side of lot 4 & 1 in block 2 Walker's addition 250 ft. owned by I. L. Smith and assessed at \$73.00; south side lot 1, B. 2 Walker's addition 150 ft. owned by N. Askins and assessed at \$42.00; east side lot 1, block 2 Walker's addition, (this and the following may be made not less than four feet wide) owned by I. L. Smith and assessed at \$16.00; east side lot 1 B. 2 Walker's addition 50 ft. owned by T. A. & P. U. assessed at \$8.00; east side lots 1 & 2 in block 2, 50 ft. owned by O. J. Lebo assessed at \$10.00. All of the above lots are situate in the town of Forest Grove county of Washington State of Oregon as described on the plat of said town. Sec. 3. If within 150 days from the date of this Ordinance the above assessments on any part thereof remain unpaid then the Recorder shall proceed against such lots in manner provided in section 4 of Ordinance No. 9. The Street Commissioner may be governed in his duties and the owners shall be entitled to the provisions of Sec. 5 in said Ordinance No. 9. Passed Board of Trustees Jan. 2, 1875. A. H. S. WATT, Pres. Board Trustees. A. L. JOHNSON, Recorder.

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