

The East Oregonian.

L. B. COX, Editor. FRIDAY, JAN. 6, 1888

As usual no important legislation was accomplished by Congress before adjournment for the Christmas holidays.

We have received the Christmas number of the Wasop of San Francisco. As a burlesque illustrated journal the Wasop stands alone on this coast and fully lives up to the significance of its name.

This is the field issue for correspondents. The editor having much of his time taken up with court proceedings gives up his space to communications and thanks their authors for the relief.

The Sunday Oregonian issued on Jan. 1st, is filled with valuable and interesting information. Its epitome of the events of 1887 is full and complete. In fact it is the publication of the year.

We will publish in full next week the context of the bill introduced in the U. S. Senate by Hon. J. H. Slater on Dec. 13th, providing for the opening of the reservation for settlement.

The Guiteau trial is still in progress but can consume but a few days longer. Nothing new has been developed, but everything continues to go against the prisoner.

By request we publish on our outside the "hog law" of this county. It is to be found in the laws of Oregon, Session Acts of 1874 pp. 11-12-13.

The New Year edition of the Sunday Standard comes as an illustrated eight page journal and is an interesting and valuable paper.

We are glad to note the appearance of "Optic's" long interrupted communications from Heppner.

CORRESPONDENTS.

HEPPNER, OR., Jan. 2, 1888.

EDITOR E. O.—It was not intentionally that our communications were discontinued—our excuse and grand cause was that the daily stages from this place could not run on account of the outbreak of that dreadful disease called small-pox, which made its appearance here some time in October, 1887, and which proved fatal to quite a number of its victims as will be seen below.

Since the plague began our town has been completely paralyzed as to business—all business houses were closed by the relief committee. Great credit is due the bar owners, as the saloons at the time were resorts for many. They closed their bars and for two months not one was allowed to enter. The custom alone was a great loss to them but they lost in addition so much of their licenses.

Not until Christmas eve was any effort made to open out, nor any smoke to be seen gushing from the flues, nor any one admitted to the bar except those pronounced "safe."

Christmas morning about 7 o'clock fire was discovered in the roof of G. W. Swaggart's saloon by Mr. Gilmore. This caused considerable excitement for a few minutes and occasioned an earlier rise than usual for a few. The fire was soon extinguished by a few buckets of water—all from a defective flue.

The old year passed away more than usually quiet, but with a loud roar from the reports of cannon which could be heard for miles around. On the last eve of the old year fires were built on the streets and quite a crowd gathered to assist in having a good time. Eighty one cannon were fired for the year 1887, besides hundreds of other shots.

Quite a sociable dance was given last Friday night at G. W. Gilmore's and one a few nights previous at G. W. Swaggart's.

No fear of small-pox in town. The small-pox committee has visited the different places and pronounced all perfectly safe but one family—no cases in the pest house. Died of small-pox in rotation—first death, Miss Nancy Yarfelt Nov. 3rd, John Barker's widow and child Nov. 19th, Frank Donaldson Nov. 28th, George Larimore Nov. 30th, George Kissinger December 6th, Deitzel's baby Dec. 20th. Mrs. Dennis Dec. 30th. Mrs. Dennis had no small-pox and was sick only one week, but suffered intensely internally. She was the wife of George Dennis late of Weston and leaves a large family and many friends to mourn her departure.

Born—to the wife of T. W. Ayres Dec. 12th, a girl.

Miss Ada Wilson, the belle of Umatilla, is visiting at W. J. Leazer's.

ECHOES.

The bridge across the Umatilla at this place is at last completed, the citizens of this vicinity having contributed generously of their time and labor to the result. The approaches are about 100 feet in length and it took about 6,000 feet of lumber to cover the distance. We have now a very substantial and useful structure.

Christmas was observed on the Meadows by an exhibition and a Christmas tree, which was quite a success and seemed to be much enjoyed by all. A young hoodlum by the name of "Cuteh Dickey" tried to make a disturbance and succeeded sufficiently to lay himself liable to prosecution, which I hear has commenced.

The 24th was observed as a holiday here by a shooting match, running races, etc., at which several turkeys were secured by the lucky marksmen. Our new school house site has been selected, specifications made out, and the contract for building advertised to be let.

VAN DYCKE, Dec. 30th, 1887. EDITOR E. O.—Will Mr. W. Dickerson inform us why he conceives the necessity for a departure from the old and generally accepted rule of Christianity, and if such departure will make men and women more happy in this world? If so, we would like to hear from the Doctor frequently. But if he continues in the same strain he started in, we think his reasoning will soon become monotonous, as it is certainly tautologous to most of your readers. We remember seeing the same argument advanced many years ago in Thomas Paine's "Age of Reason," Volney's "Ruins" and other like works. Still the Christian religion lives and multiplies, and why?

1. Because philosophers have failed to give us anything better. 2. Because man, (and when we say "man" we mean woman also, for man embraces her) is a religious being, and his nature is to worship a God. What that God may be is another thing. For instance, some pay homage to the sun, others to fire and others still acknowledge the hawk as their deity.

We will ask the learned Doctor if he has ever noticed the loathsome caterpillar hanging on a bush and if he has kept track of it until the following year. If so, and when he saw that loathsome insect changed to a beautiful butterfly, what thought did it suggest to his mind? Again: what consolation would he offer the almost heart broken mother when depositing her beloved child in the grave? This is not meant as an answer to his letter—we simply ask a question or two and would like to have them answered. At the same time it he will tell us what he knows about farming, we will be obliged.

LOCALS.

We know there is a law to prevent cruelty to animals, but are not aware of any statute to prohibit a parent beating a child until the blood runs out of her nose and ears. We think a parent—or parents, as both of them inflicted the punishment—should be taken care of by that good honest old innkeeper, "Cap." Martin.

We are told Mr. Geo. R. C. became heir to about \$3000 lately—a rich old uncle in Tennessee the cause. He will make a good neighbor now, he has got de money.

DEY CREEK, OR., Dec. 31, '87. EDITOR E. O.—Noting your liberal offer of space to any one wishing to discuss certain topics, I will occupy the last day of the year in dropping a communication.

You must understand in the first place Mr. Editor, that I shall cite no book written by man, but by the power known in the English language as "God." That book is visible to all men and should be read and studied closely so that one may see how the writings of man correspond with His book. We cannot in this short letter cite all of His proofs of an existence of a Supreme power.

As a first proof we will examine this ball we live on, and as it is all we know anything of we will mention no other. Well, it has a government and is governed and not by man. This ball has cavities and those cavities are filled with water and that water contains mineral. By His chemical process it is purified and distributed broadcast all over the ball in sufficient quantity to give life to all of its members. It gives nutriment to all that is on its surface or in its bowels. It also revolves regularly upon its axis. It sustains all life, it is life itself, it is Eve—the mother of all being, it is the abode of man—man came out of it and man goes back to it, ever has and ever will. It has luminaries—a sun, a moon and numerous other lights which are in their proper places and governed by the laws that be. It has attractive powers and it has repulsion. Its movements are so accurate that man has been able to calculate its true position at any given time. The transit of any planet across the sun's disc is told. There are thousands of other proofs too numerous to mention. It is at times winter, spring, summer and fall. It is always day or night at some point on the earth's circumference. The sun at all times gives light to this earth. As one part becomes dark its rays penetrate other parts. The sun never sets—the earth turns every part of its surface to it in each twelve months. When it is winter at one point it is spring, summer or autumn at others. These are facts proved to me by actual observation and I know full well that man has no hand in them whatever. Try it who may, from New York east or west and be satisfied.

Man is the master animal on all the earth's surface. He rules all other animals. Man is the most sensible and is the author of all governments made by man. He is the great initiator of governments from the highest to the lowest. Man is a numerative table, man is an almanac, man is the alphabet, man is the inventor of all mechanical genius, man occupies all grades imaginable from the highest to the lowest. Man is the great initiator of God's works, he stands at the head of all other animals in every conceivable point, but, alas! man is not a God—never has been, never will be. The least principles known to man are out of his reach—principles belong to other powers and it is a glorious fact too. Man, like all other machines made, fails, his works fail, his great mansions fail. The works of the wisest builders crumble to pieces, ever have done so and ever will. The great architect of the universe, the builder in fact, never fails, never will. A. L.

TID BITS OF SNIFE.

SSNIPE, OR., Dec. 27th, 1887.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—It has long been my great desire to write for the paper, but when my dear, lost and gone

partner was alive he wouldn't allow it, for whenever I tried it I got my fingers all inky and he declared that I should not put such looking hands into the broad pan for he couldn't stomach it no-how. But Cyrus is not here now to see them, so I will try to write you a letter.

There have been some letters written from here describing this valley, so I will confine myself to local items until Mr. Stinson finishes his letters, when I propose to take a short review of them as they do not meet my views exactly. It used to make poor Cyrus so dreadfully out of patience to have me always finding fault with such things and saying I could do better.

Well, there was a Christmas tree at the Union School House and it was a success in every particular. The committee—Mrs. James Peck, Mrs. Chak Hoover, and Frank W. Hicks—left nothing undone to have everything pass off smoothly. Many fine presents were on the tree which was very prettily decorated; but the best part of the entertainment was the recitations by the young people under the direction of Mrs. Hoover.

Elder Roberts is delivering a course of lectures at the school house and will continue to do so all winter. The Union School House is open for any religious denomination to hold services in, but because the Adventists have their meetings there some unprincipled person has given it the name of "Advent Asylum." Now I'm "Methodist born and Methodist bred," but I'm not so mean as that, so there!

CAMAS PRAIRIE.

Leaving Round Valley and crossing Owens creek we come to Wilson Prairie, another one of the little valleys which together constitute Camas Prairie. Like all the rest it is thickly dotted with houses. On the west side near the foot-hills is the ranch of the general J. P. W. H. Caldwell. Near his house is one of the largest springs in the entire valley of which he justly feels proud. The ranches of Logston and Leaming, horse-men, are in this valley. We next come to Big or Main Camas, the largest of all the different valleys.

VINCENT BROTHERS.

All of which was readily sold, as their cheese is always A. I. E. R. Gambee has a ranch here which he is stocking with hogs. In the summer time hogs thrive and do exceedingly well on the succulent Camas root.

THE ALBY RANCH.

Is at the end of the survey on the proposed road through to Canyon City, which the citizens here to have opened up for through travel within two years. When this is done, all kinds of property will enhance in value a hundred fold. Then the rattle of the stage coach and the crack of the freighter's whip will be heard. A ready market will be found for all the surplus produce the settlers can raise, and the future prosperity of our beautiful valley will be assured. There is also a school house here.

We have now been across Camas Prairie from north to south and looking over the "notes taken by the way" we find that dairying and stock raising is the business that pays. Wheat or other kinds of grain cannot be raised successfully except for hay, on account of frost. Some very good gardens were raised here the past summer, while some were destroyed by early frosts. J. G. Connell raised sixty bushels of potatoes on one eighth of an acre. Of carrots, beets and turnips about eight tons on one-fourth acre. One turnip weighed nearly twenty pounds. Mr. James Peck and J. M. Downs had excellent gardens. It is only in places well protected from frost that grain could be raised with profit. At this date stock is doing well on the "range" with no other food than the nutritious bunch grass.

EX UNITED STATES MARSHAL WATERS.

Who was in here last spring said this was the most beautiful spot he had seen in Oregon. He intends to bring his family in here. A blacksmith would do well here, as the settlers have to go to Pendleton to get all such work done. As this letter is long enough for this time I will close.

WILL C. STINSON.

HELIIX, Dec. 27th, 1887.

EDITOR E. O.—Thinking a few items from this place might not come amiss, I will send them along. No small pox here, no cases nearer than Mr. King's on Wild Horse and they, I am happy to say, are all getting well. Helix has had its first Christmas tree. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Miss Nellie Preston brought forth sweet strains of music from the organ, several united in singing "Christmas Bells," speech by Walter McGee, prayer by Mr. Scott. "The Man in the Moon" sung by L. L. Shell was cheered by the audience. "The Sleigh Ride with the Mule," sung by Miss Cora Richmond and Nellie Preston was very amusing, but I should not like to have been in his place for I think I should have run the risk of "kissing Eliza Jane" even if the mule did "run away." L. L. Shell acted the part of Santa Claus to perfection and brought down the house with roars of laughter, in fact our Christmas tree was a complete success and every body went home happy. I have only been a resident of this place a short time, but I think Helix may well be proud of its citizens, for a more quiet well disposed people I have never met with. Church every Sunday, prayer meeting every Thursday evening, and we have an excellent school conducted by Miss Cora Richmond—in fact Helix is the "best" place.

FRANK E. CRAWFORD.

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ENTRAY NOTICE. TAKEN UP by the undersigned living on Butler Creek, 11 miles above Union post office in Umatilla County, Oregon, one straggling roan filly, some white in forehead, about 10 or 12 months old, and appraised at \$20 by J. Johnson & P. Has been running with my horses all winter or more. Dated this 15th day of December, 1887. J. B. VESTAL.

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One yearling horse colt, dark brown, both hind feet white, fore legs very crooked, white in forehead, branded on neck and above. I will pay \$20 for their delivery at Pettysville, or \$10 for any one or team, or \$20 for delivery that will hold in their recovery. J. NELSON O. SMITH, PETTYSVILLE, OR. 1887.

Application will be made for the pardon of Samuel Stone at the office of the Governor of Oregon on the 8th day of February 1888. Jans-14

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