

REGULAR LECTURES.

The usual lecture at Oro Fino Hall was omitted last Sunday evening in consequence of the excitement over the fire.

HOLIDAY GREETING.

The festivities of the Holidays are upon us in the fullness of their force. Many are the hearts that are made glad by the munificence or thoughtfulness of loved ones at home and abroad.

And now we say unto our patrons, one and all, we need your substantial remembrance. A heavy bill for paper and press-work, which has been accumulated that you may read these pages regularly, stares us in the face like Banquo's ghost.

BLACK SUNDAY.

Scarcely had the State recovered from the shock of the Oregon City devastation ere Portland was visited by the fire fiend, and the tracks he has left are indeed terrible.

Our citizens were suddenly alarmed on Sunday morning by a dense cloud of smoke which seemed to originate simultaneously from an American saloon and a Chinese wash house.

For a time it seemed that the whole city was doomed. The wind blew sometimes in fitful gusts, and again in steady currents, scattering the breath of the fire fiend broadcast upon the buildings, where, but for the vigilance of everybody, hundreds of conflagrations would have kindled from its contact.

Some of the finest fire-proof structures in the city, with all their contents, were in flames. Explosion after explosion rent the air, and hope seemed well nigh dead, when the wind, as if in pity of the city's woes, veered suddenly away from the ruins, under which three noble firemen had been almost fatally crushed.

WHAT OF IT?

A woman in New Jersey had her husband clandestinely incarcerated in the Trenton Jail in order that she herself and her children could in some way become possessors of his property—amounting to some forty thousand dollars.

A man in Oregon clandestinely committed incest, and now that he is in the Penitentiary pretends to be insane. He wants to vote.

Wells Drury has retired from the publication of the Christian Messenger of Monmouth. It is not stated who runs that paper now.

WOMEN PROTECTED.

It is well known that in this as well as other cities the women teachers in the public schools have heretofore been paid just about one-half the compensation for their services that the men teachers received, who, in many instances performed less labor than was imposed upon the protected(?) women in the same public employ.

Now, we suppose the public is looking for these presents to proclaim the glad tidings that the men teachers, seeing the injustice of this invidious distinction in regard to the sex rather than the brains of woman, have circulated a petition among the tax-payers and succeeded in getting the directors to raise the women's salaries a little above their own, that man's protective idea might thus be practically illustrated.

Now, good women of Portland, why is this? Don't you see that man possesses power, pecuniary and political, to enable him to make and control his own circumstances—a power which is, and ever will be, beyond your grasp, until you, like him, shall have the influence of the ballot?

THE "SENTINEL" AGAIN.

We are sorry we have not space for the whole of "Dagger's" last "good-bye." That "head-hidden scribbler" displays such aptitude at collecting the most potent of our ready-made adjectives and arraying them in a formidable phalanx, behind which he entrenches himself for our next advance, that we conclude he is really good for something after all.

We have always noticed that man's regard of woman is always accurately estimated by the company he keeps. But what say good Portland Catholics to the wholesale insult this vile scribbler thrusts at them in his frantic attempts to scare them out of the free exercise of their own good judgment.

A HURRIED VISIT.

Last week we took a sudden run to The Dalles on a matter of business, and improved the time while there in lecturing two evenings. An appointment was made for the third, which was thwarted by a regular New England snow storm.

By Henry Warren, Esq., pension agent at Oregon City, pensions amounting to \$11,000 are paid annually. In Oregon there are about thirty pensioners of the war of 1812.

NEEDED POLITICAL REFORM.

The Bulletin is discoursing very sensibly upon some much-needed governmental reform. We are particularly pleased with the views of that journal upon the present unwise provisions of our Electoral College.

Postal telegraphy is another very important theme which that journal considers very impartially. We are sorry, however, that the "little disposition" of Congress to take action in this matter, "which the Executive and Postmaster-General recommended a year ago," does not relieve that scathing rebuke from the editor's powerful pen which that body's culpability deserves.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.

One of the most soul sickening features of the fire was the brutal manner in which Chinamen were treated by the fire and a few children of a larger growth. It is well known that these people never shirk a duty when they know what is required of them if their performance is within their range of possibilities.

ANTE-NATAL MURDER.

Rev. Dr. Hatfield, a Methodist Episcopal minister of Cincinnati, is creating a sensation by calling attention to the alarming prevalence of criminal abortion among American women.

Now, we call brother Hatfield's work a step in the right direction. If mothers only knew the natural consequences of abortion, as they are felt by their helpless victims when ushered into immortal life before being clothed with a well developed mortality, they would stop, awe-struck before committing the awful act, and their own harrowing dread of the pains and cares of maternity would be always bourn, rather than that their unwelcome children almost be deprived of the physiological advantages of mortal life.

We feel that the most important work, and one calling loudest for the present consideration of the American people, is the need for a General Convention of men and women, to form a new Constitution, in keeping with the intellectual, commercial and financial growth of our present system of finance, transportation, landed estates, telegraphy, postal facilities, representation and taxation that these shall receive that consideration which our necessities demand, and that scope for a broader comprehension of National ethics than could have been conceived by the original framers of the Federal Bill of Rights.

A SPLENDID OFFER.

It is well known that the regular subscription price to Demorest's Magazine is \$3.00. That our friends may reap the full benefit of such opportunities as we can command to secure themselves an extra supply of good reading, we have made arrangements by which we are enabled to send the New Northwest and Demorest's Monthly Magazine for one year for \$4.50; or for \$5.00 you can have the New Northwest, Demorest's Monthly and a splendid pair of chromes (Falls of Niagara, and Yosemite Falls), which could not be purchased at the book store for less than \$10. Orders of this kind must be invariably accompanied by the cash for both publications at once.

La Grande, Cove and Union, are contesting the vote by which the county seat of Union county was fixed at the last election. It was a tie vote between Union and La Grande, each of which received one more vote than Cove.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY CORRESPONDENCE.

SLAUGHTER, King county, W. T., November 30, 1912.

For several years past John W. Pinnell has kept a squaw brothel in Seattle, and has been so well patronized by all classes of men—merchants, lawyers, doctors; in fact, the general community, as well as the poor, debased sailor and logger—that he has grown so wealthy as to have had it in his power to rule the town, and in some instances, the county elections.

The virtuous portion of the citizens had several times tried to get rid of Pinnell through the process of law; but he was too much for them, until when I came into Seattle they had settled down to the conviction that there was no help for it, and that they should have to submit to have their children debauched and destroyed soul and body, and all virtuous people deterred from settling in town.

WINTER SEASON!

Every Night and Saturday Afternoon.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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New York Made Boots and Shoes. The Proprietor has secured the sole agency for this State of Best Selected First Premium New York made Gent's, Ladies', Miss' and Infants' Shoes.

Custom Work. Negotiations have been completed with a first-class cutter from New York city to take charge of the Custom Department.

Superior Facilities. We have a Resident Partner in New York in the Boot and Shoe Business, which affords facilities for purchasing direct from the manufacturers that are not enjoyed by any other house in the State.

Our Determination. We are determined at all times to furnish our customers with a quality of Boots and Shoes, both Eastern and Custom made, unsurpassed on the Pacific coast at the lowest rates.

The Sales Department. Will be under the supervision of Mr. C. F. Protzman, who has been long and popularly known to the trade.

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