

ICE NOTES.—From appearances there is going to be very little else to chronicle than what transpired on the ice. The young, the old, the middle-aged, ye lame, and in fact everyone else has been busily engaged the past week in learning to skate. Some of them would get along much faster if they would fasten their skates on the back of their heads. It has been a glorious time for the boys. We saw more good solid huggin' in about half an hour that we were there than we ever done in our lives. They call it "showin' 'em how to skate." This may be the name of it, but we doubt it.

J. B. S., couldn't heed the admonitions of those who had been "there," but, as usual, rushed ahead. The mud and water was only about waist-deep.

At present the ice is dangerous, but this makes but little difference to the more venturesome. Be cautious.

LYCEUM.—Monday evening, last, about a dozen citizens met at the Court-House for the purpose of organizing a Lyceum. Dr. Watts was called to the Chair, and briefly stated the object of the meeting. Geo. P. Dorris was chosen Secretary, a committee of three consisting of Judge Hurley, W. M. Ramsey and E. C. Bradshaw, were appointed on Constitution and By-Laws. The question for debate next Monday evening is: "Honor." That Capital Punishment should be abolished. An invitation is extended to all to be present and take part in the exercises.

LAFAYETTE MARKET.—The following quotations can be relied upon as they were furnished us by one of the principal merchants of this place as the prices he is paying: Eggs, per dozen, 26cts.; Butter, per lb., 37cts.; Pork, fresh, 6cts.; Lard, in tins, 14c; Pork taking hams and shoulders, about 12cts per lb.; Wheat, about 70 cts. per bushel. Potatoes, but very few in the market. Those having any have them "holed up" and cannot tell how many have been frozen. They would readily bring \$1 per bushel. Oats are selling at 35cts per bushel.

THE INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES.—There can now be no doubt of the wisdom of the course pursued by Governor Bramlette with reference to the last Gift Concert of the Kentucky Library. The short postponement to February 27th will insure the sale of every ticket, which will be more satisfactory to every ticket-holder, and more for the interest of the Library, and that there may be no doubt of its coming off this time, the Governor proposes to return every ticket-holder's money in case of failure.

TO MAKE HAIR CURL.—The method employed by professional workers is as follows: Wet the hair to be curled, wrap it smoothly around a cylindrical stick or tube of proper size, tie it in place, and then put it in water and boil it to or three hours remove it from the boiler, wrap it carefully in newspapers and bake it in a moderate oven for an hour. Thus treated, it will stay in curl permanently. The first trial may be a little rough on the ladies, but then it's effectual. Try it.

BED BURNED.—We learn that one night during the recent "cold snap," that a young lady "heat" a good sized rock and placed it in the foot of her bed for the purpose of keeping her feet warm. She succeeded admirably. Almost anybody could keep their feet warm when the foot of the bed was on fire. The rock burned through a feather-bed, two or three pair of blankets, quilts, etc. Guess that the next time the experiment is tried the rock will not be so hot.

FAIR NIMRODS.—We are told that a party of six young gents and ladies of McMinnville went a gunning a few days since. The three ladies succeeded in killing fifteen ducks and wounded another. One of the boys rushed up and emptied the six chambers of his revolver at the prostrate bird. It is needless to say it succeeded in getting away.

PERSONAL.

Geo. E. Getchell of Amity gave us a call during the week. He reports all quiet at Amity.

Capt. Powell of Dayton smiled in upon us Tuesday last.

John J. Daly of Dallas was in town this week attending to legal affairs.

Capt. Crawford of Portland came up on the train last Tuesday. He is a guest of Mr. Fred Crawford.

C. W. Murphy, of North Yamhill, gave his 749 countenance in our den Wednesday last.

FROM DAYTON.

EDITOR COURIER:—As the cold weather continues and "loafing" has taken the place of the usual industrial pursuits, it, perhaps, would not be amiss to note some of the incidents occurring here from day to day:

Monday.—The flume of Harker's grist mill gave way—throwing a heavy current of water against one of the piers of the dam, undermining it in such a manner as to render the bridge which in part rests upon it, unsafe. And the question now asked by those who have to cross is: When will our supervisor be at home to make the bridge safe or cut off travel? Somebody is going to get hurt.

On the same day bad blood was aroused between our men of charcoal—the man who works the iron—and our heavy man of the yard-stick, resulting in much talk—calling christian names, and some that were otherwise.

Tuesday.—Dog fight. Much fun. Red top boots beating on the pup—merchant holding black dog by the tail. The pup got the best of the fight and "Red Top" won the bet. Later in the day more loud talk.

Wednesday.—Skating race between our butcher and saddle man. Distance, two hundred yards; time, 30 minutes; won by saddle. Butcher was delayed by falling and did not get in until next day.

Thursday.—All quiet. A slight fall of snow has spoiled our skating. I am just going to hunt for "Itemizer," of the Reporter, as I wish to know the price of wheat in Dayton, and if he is prepared to pay seventy-five cents per bushel. Also to ask him what might be the politics of the Reporter. More another time.

FROM AMITY.

The dance on the 21st, was a success. The stormy weather, however, prevented many from attending that would have otherwise have done so. It was the intention of the committee to have the dance in Brown's new hall, but the "cold snap" prevented it from being completed. Hence, the Grange hall was used.

The Baptist denomination have been holding a protracted meeting for three weeks past.

NOTES.

Played out—sleighting.

Reading school to-night.

Business is reviving again.

Hang up your skates again.

Hoop la! snow almost gone.

No one drowned yet. A wonder.

Don't know anything about the weather.

Wednesday night kinder let the skating out.

The ice in the river has almost entirely disappeared.

Last Wednesday night about an inch of snow fell.

Don't start to the mines until you get a good ready on.

Don't fail to go and hear Plummer to-morrow night.

The poor cattle have got a hump in them like a rainbow.

The school at this place has sent a challenge to the McMinnville school to read.

We heard the whistle of the steamboat somewhere down the river—at Dayton we suppose.

Mr. Perkins, one day last week, killed a two-year old beef which weighed 539 pounds.

This town can boast of the most graceful lady skaters—we mean the grace they display in stopping.

Fifty cents will be all you require to pay to hear the greatest delinquent of the age, at the Court House, Saturday evening, Jan 30.

Mr. Ed Perkins informs us that he opened one of his sheep that died, in the liver of which he found nearly a pint of leeches.

If you want to shake yourself up and enjoy a good laugh go and hear Professor Plummer ease his stomach by reciting Schneider's Ride on der Goofermend Mool.

C. W. Murphy informs us that he has been elected F. M. G. in the Independent Order of Grangers. We don't know what the office is, but we're certain that Charlie can fill the bill.

The supper to be given in connection with the St. Valentine's dance will be spread in the upper room of the Hall, and be entirely under the excellent supervision of Mrs. Hendrix, which alone will make it worth the price of a ticket.

THE GREAT OREGON BONANZA.

One of the Largest Ledges in the World Discovered in Southern Oregon—Great Excitement—Huge Mills on the way, Etc., Etc.

From the Bulletin of the 27th inst., we take the following:

"That the mountains of Oregon are filled with mineral wealth cannot be denied. For years parties have been engaged in mining in a sort of way, to little or no good. Those capable of testing the value of leads or deposits have hurried away to other countries, considering the reports circulated in relation to discoveries groundless, as they were too easy of access and too near home. From an exchange published in Jacksonville we extract the following account, which, if true, will build our bridges across the Willamette, and railroads across the continent without Congressional petitions, besides attracting an overwhelming tide of immigration, the forerunner of prosperity:

"The developments recently made by prospectors in the Galice Creek region, and particularly on the Yank or Mammoth Ledge, are beginning to excite interest and the attention they deserve. We have always had confidence in the worth of the ledge or ledges, for there are others discovered besides the Yank Ledge, but as nothing has been done until lately to definitely prove the worth of the mines, and not desiring to participate in getting up an unwarranted excitement; and consequent rush and suffering at this time of the year, without being able to state truths that would be incontrovertible, we have refrained from saying much in the matter. But claim owners are busily engaged in developing the original ledge as far and as fast as the weather and circumstances would permit, until now the richness of the ledge is as surely established as its extent, and of proportionate character. Surveyors have "chained" the ledge where it proved 210 feet wide, and nowhere is it less than 100 feet on the croppings. Parties have visited it from California, Nevada, and other mining regions, and all unite in asserting it the largest ledge ever discovered. As yet little else than croppings have been tested, yielding according to selection, from a trifle to \$500 per ton. We have seen one form various portions of the ledge which compares favorably with the best specimens from the Comstock. It is asserted by experienced miners that the ledge will pay to work all the way across. We have been shown some ore taken from one of the veins which was five feet in width, which is almost pure silver. The ledge—that is the croppings—shows numerous veins of rich ore running all thro' it, from one to ten feet in width, and it is supposed, judging from experience in other mines, that these veins will all unite and form one body of rich ore at a certain depth. Mr. Raymond, of the famous Raymond & Ely mine of Nevada, we are told, visited the ledge a few days since, and remarked that he "had traveled a long way to see that ledge, and would travel two thousand miles more to see a larger one, if it could be found, even if he knew there was nothing in it." He pronounced it the largest ledge in the world.

So confident are claim-owners that they have a good thing that they are ordering mills. Two are now on the way, and more will be forwarded up as soon as the roads from the south can be traveled with heavily loaded wagons. Reynolds & Co., have a forty-stamp mill on the way, and a California company have a fifty-stamp mill coming. There is room enough on the ledge as it now is, developed to occupy a hundred mills of the largest size and employ ten thousand men. Wood and water are abundant, and a wagon road on the north to the ledge. The distance from this point is about sixty miles, and a road will be opened in the spring. A large portion of it is already constructed and the remainder of it can soon and easily be built.

There are various other ledges in the same range of mountains and but a few miles distant are being prospected, but as yet no definite results have been produced as to their worth.

About fifteen miles of the Yank ledge is claimed. The snow which fell to a considerable depth all over the mountains of that country, has temporarily retarded prospecting for other ledges, but the succeeding warm weather is fast melting it away. There are as yet few accommodations for man or beast at Galice Creek, but boarding-houses and livery-ables will be in full blast within a couple of months we anticipate a rush as soon as the weather will permit traveling with comfort. Those who intend camping out cannot subsist, as there are few facilities for getting packing done, and there is no grass to supply animals. Nick Thos, one of the original discoverers, writes to his partner here—Jo. Wetterer—that he has smelted lots of bullion from his mine, and if Jo. desires proof he will send him up some hundreds as soon as he can find a way to transport it.

We also hear of some very rich discoveries of silver ore and cinabar on Louse, Cayote, and Grave creeks, and prospectors are ranging the hills hunting after the ledges as well as the snow will permit.

The question is, has Mr. Burkank's new house a "bay" or "sorrel" window? The Kentuckian says bay, and uses weighty argument to convince the much traveled man that his argument is correct. His antagonist wants his "account" to get out of the controversy.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—Last Tuesday night, at a regular meeting of Lafayette Lodge, No. 34, I. O. G. T., the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing quarter:

W. C. T. A. M. Hurley; W. V. T., S. M. Bradshaw; W. S., N. Martin; W. F. S., Hull Johnson; W. T. J. T. Hembree; W. C. A. Higgins; W. M., C. F. Royal; I. G., Z. Large; O. G., C. E. Watts.

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