

PRAIRIE ACADEMY.—On Saturday evening February 27th, the Prairie Academy held its sixth regular session at the academy.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were ordered to be placed on the record.

The President then appointed Mr. J. T. Watson, orator, and Misses Carrie and Hellen Watson and B. McKoy assistant judges.

The programme for the evening was as follows:

CHALLENGED READINGS:

Charlie Starr, 9; vs W. Goodrich, 8. John Baxter, 7; vs S. Goodrich, 8. Hattie Gowdy, 10; vs Charly Hadaway, 9.

C. Hadaway, 8; vs Arthur Gowdy, 10.

W. E. Strunck, 9; vs Ella Taylor, 10. James Moar, 10; vs W. Hadaway, 8. Ella Johnson, 9; vs Stilla Smith, 10.

SELECT READINGS:

W. E. Strunck, 10; Miss Emma Starr 10; John Lewis, 9.

DECLAMATIONS:

Robert White, 9; vs W. E. Strunck 10.

The editor, Joseph Morin, then read the Society's paper; being his first attempt at "editing" we think the young man did very well.

A recess of half an hour was then granted.

After recess the critic's report was given. It was very complimentary to the Society.

The judges then reported the standing as given above.

The following additional exercises were then given:

Select Readings—Ella Johnson, Ella Andrews, Strunck, and Sprenger.

Recitations—Dollie Starr and Hattie Gowdy.

Declamations—W. R. Smith, Arthur Gowdy, Charlie Starr, Sanford Goodrich, W. Goodrich, and John Lewis.

The advisableness of continuing the readings any longer was then brought before the Society.

The President suggested that it would be best to discontinue them for this season after one more meeting.

The President then appointed a committee of five to prepare a programme for the closing entertainment.

Ed. Hadaway, again accepted the editorship of the Society's paper.

The Society then adjourned to meet Friday evening, March 12th.

S. E. W.

LOGES REORGANIZED.—W. R. Dunbar, on last Saturday, reorganized Dayton Lodge with the following officers: W. C. T., J. D. Palmer; W. V., Miss Alice Palmer; W. Secy., Miss M. Powell; W. F. S., F. A. Hill; W. T., Mrs. Emma Moar; W. C., W. S. Powell; W. M., J. W. Martin; W. I. G., Miss Oda Hanna; W. O. G., Mr. Roberts. Gen. Joel Palmer, L. D.

On March 1st he also reorganized Northern Star Lodge at the Baptist Church, a few miles above McMinnville, and added nine new members by initiation. John M. Hill, W. C. T.; Geo. H. Hemstock, W. S.; Fannie Hemstock, L. D. This Lodge has not been meeting for several months but now starts again with a fair prospect.

In giving us the above items Mr. Dunbar writes: "I have 'got something' of a cold and feel 'just a little bunged up,' but shall scout ahead all the same."

WRITING SCHOOL.—Professor Garrison has cause to feel flattered with the compliment this town and vicinity has paid him by filling up his school until it numbers seventy-six pupils. The Professor is not the only one that should feel flattered for we have noticed some of the writing and from the improvement that has been made think that the class should feel fortunate in having secured the services of one who so well understands the principle of teaching the art. We have no hesitancy in recommending the Professor as A No. 1, writing teacher.

DIED.—Again we are called upon to note the death of a beloved friend—Mrs. Ann Monroe. Her father, Mr. Samuel Kinney, came to Oregon in 1847, and located in Chehalis Valley. February 6th, 1850, she was married to Mr. J. Monroe. Monroe and family moved to Winnemucca, Nevada, in the fall of 1873. A large family mourns the death of a devoted mother.

NEW ROAD.—A new road has been laid out between the Hombree and Perkins farms through by Job Cary's farm to intersect the Chehalis road at James Green's.

A PANIC. A Stampede—Everybody Screaming and Yelling—Girls Fainting—All rush for the door imagining all sorts of Hobgoblins are after them.

One of the most complete stampedes ever nothing that we have ever witnessed occurred at the writing school last Monday night. While all were engaged in learning to "sing the quill," one of the girls let out one of them shrill yells peculiar to the sex and which was immediately echoed from mouth to mouth, and in less time than it would take you to say "Jack Robison, with your mouth open," the side of the house occupied by the ladies was completely deserted by the fair creatures, the beauties having "scouted" out through the front-door under the impression that the house was filled with all sorts of hobgoblins. Some excellent running and jumping was displayed by those who were frightened the most; some of them getting upon the desks, while others seemed to almost fly.

One young man remarked afterwards that he didn't get frightened, he only got outside to stop the crowd from running off. He was like Mark Twain who, when he saw the corpse in his father's office, jumped through the window taking the sash with him, he had no particular need of the sash but found it more convenient to take it with him. One young lady shoved her lighted candle into her pocket; she was going to have light on the subject.

We wasn't much scared, but some how found ourself grating over the tops of the benches looking for something higher upon which to take a stand and cheer and inspire confidence in the others and display to them an act of bravery by our fearless bearing. Some had the impudence to assert that our curly locks stood like a hog's bristles when he is going to fight, and that our opticals looked as large as saucers. Perhaps we were just a little bit frightened.

The stampede was occasioned by some boys looking in at the window, whereupon one girl screamed and made for the door, the rest becoming frightened by her screaming and, not knowing what was the matter, concluded to follow the one who seemed to know where the danger was. Some thought the house was on fire, others said the house was falling, etc., etc. Strange to say, no one was hurt, and only one girl fainted.

DIED.—At Salem, March 2nd Robert C. Kinney.

The cause of his death was from injuries received in a runaway hack a few months ago at Portland. In the year 1847 he came to Oregon and settled in Chehalis Valley, in this county. He sought a wider field of action than the daily routine of farm life, and disposing of his farm, engaged in the milling business at McMinnville. From there he removed to Salem where he has since resided. No person was better nor more favorably known in this State than was R. C. Kinney.

Under this head it will not be amiss to announce that Mr. Samuel Kinney, brother of deceased, is lying at death's door.

Also Mr. Daniel D. Duskins, one of Oregon's old pioneers is not expected to live.

STATE DEPUTY.—G. W. C. T., W. R. Dunbar, has without consultation, commissioned our fellow-townsmen, Dr. J. W. Watts, State Deputy at Large for the State of Oregon, with power to organize lodges anywhere in the State. This is a good choice. In the order, I. O. G. T., there is, we believe, but one person above him in the State. Any of the West-side counties, and localities that may wish to have a lodge organized should remember the Dr.

FOR PORTLAND.—Sheriff Dale today started for Portland with a man named Jones, who was pronounced insane. It seems a shame that those living near where this person has been should let him go in the condition he has for so long a time before they took him into custody. The Sheriff had to give him a thorough washing; Jones had run through the brush and briars until his legs looked as though someone had taken a knife and cut the flesh into strips.

MORE REPORTS.—The road supervisors of the following districts made their report to the County Court during the week: Nos. 20, 18, 3, 7, 38, 11, 23, 17, 36, 26, and 32. This, we think, clears the "docket."

LYCEUM.—Last Monday evening the exercises by the Lyceum were not as interesting as heretofore. Several of the members were unavoidably absent. Same programme at the next meeting.

NOTES.

Stormy. Things are lively now. County Court this week. Has the appearance of rain.

Another new mine discovered. March is herself again, no discount.

Cussed hard pie—the printer's. Writing school closes Saturday night.

The Webfoot reading school closes to-night.

Insurance agents "bored" this place last week.

The boat went to McMinnville last Wednesday.

Three new houses are now being erected in this place.

Last Sunday we were treated to a nice little snow storm.

Only one more week and the present quarter of school ends.

The query is who gets away with the premiums at the writing school.

Stills are the latest breakneck contrivance that has been introduced on our streets.

More strangers have been in town during the past week than for many months before.

To see the boys walking around on stilts about six feet high, puts us in mind of our halcyon days.

March has verified the prophesy of coming in like a lion, but we doubt its ever reaching the proportions of a sheep.

We have been asked the following conundrum by a stranger who fails to get the run of the postoffice: "Have we a postmaster and if so how many, and who and where are they?" We give it up.

Uncle Johnny Bird's team got away from him this morning and, with a wagor loaded with wood, took a little spin on their own hook. After running a short time through the mud they threw up the sponge and tried a more moderate gait. Nothing hurt.

Some laughable incidents are told about the scare last Monday night. One gentleman is accused of crawling under the organ; another threw water in his own face; while A Belle of the town undertook to escape the unknown danger by perching herself upon the shoulders of a timid, unprotected young man. Several of the girls found their arms around the necks of the gentlemen, and in one instance the gentleman was an entire stranger. We noticed a Case where a young lady with a yell, skip and a bound had traversed the whole length of the building.

STRUCK IT RICH.—A correspondent writing to the Oregonian from Independence, Polk county, says that a Mr. Nat. Holman has discovered a quartz mine within five miles of that place, which, if true, will prove to be one of the richest mines ever discovered. The extent of the mine is not given. 100 pounds of the quartz has been assayed and yielded \$407. Hurrah for Oregon.

BEAUTIFUL.—The chromo to be given away to-morrow evening, as a premium to the best writer, has been received by Professor Garrison, and is one of the nicest we have ever saw. The picture is 22x24 inches, and represents Castle Maramar, on the Adriatic. The commingled hues of sky, earth and sea give to the chromo an intense brilliancy. Lucky is the one who is fortunate enough to gain this prize.

JUDGES.—The following persons have been selected to act as a committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the specimens to be handed in by the writing class and report who are entitled to the premiums; Miss Emma Baker, John W. Baker and Milton Redding.

UNHORSED.—A nice young man at Dayton, the other day, tried the experiment of trying to ride and carry an armful of moulding. The horse imagining that they were trying to make an ox of him by ornamenting him with horns, evorted around awhile, finally running against a post and yanking his rider off.

DUNBAR'S LECTURE.—A large and attentive audience assembled at the Court-House last Sunday evening to listen to the lecture delivered by W. R. Dunbar, G. W. C. T. He handles his subject well—without gloves—and is earnest in his work. The cause of temperance is looking up in this county.

CHEAP RIDING.—Everybody up at McMinnville goes buggy-riding nowadays. A nice turnout can be had at Garrison's livery stable for \$2.50 a day. Just think of a fellow sitting alongside of his "jimpsum blossom" for a whole day in a nice rig and all for \$2.50!

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.—The County Court has been using their pruning knives judiciously in cutting down the accounts presented to pass upon. It seems strange to us that men who are so very particular about having work done for themselves for the very lowest figure, should, when making out accounts against the County, charge as long as they can hold their breath, and then when the Court cuts the accounts down to a reasonable figure raise a terrible cry against the Court: Why not present accounts against the County the same as you would against a private individual? We do not say that all who present bills to the County Court do this; not by a good deal, but there are some who do. Following are the bills allowed at the present term (March) of the County Court:

Table listing various bills allowed at the County Court, including items like C. G. Rowell, making jury list, Al Hossey, for conveying license, etc.

We noticed in the Reporter the advertisement of their press being offered for sale. We had no idea that the friends of the concern would fail to put up for it as usual, but its backers having gone back on it the proprietors will have to sell to meet demands against it. Just the luck of a lousy calf, live all winter and die in the Spring. Vale.

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Table listing market prices for flour, grain, etc., including items like Wheat, best white, 70 bushel, Oats, 30 bushel, etc.

GROCERIES.

Table listing market prices for groceries, including items like Sugar, San Francisco refined, 10 lb, Island, 10 lb, etc.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Table listing market prices for fruits and vegetables, including items like Apples, green, 70 bush, dried, 40 lb, etc.

MEATS.

Table listing market prices for meats, including items like Beef, fresh, 50 lb, Pork, fresh, 10 lb, etc.

POULTRY.

Table listing market prices for poultry, including items like Chickens, dressed, each, 25¢, per dozen, 3 00@4 00.

BUTTER, EGGS, ETC.

Table listing market prices for butter, eggs, etc., including items like Butter, fresh rolls, 10 lb, packed, 60¢, etc.

WOOL, HIDES, ETC.

Table listing market prices for wool, hides, etc., including items like Wool, 10 lb, Hides, dry, each, 2 50@3 00.

OILS, ETC.

Table listing market prices for oils, etc., including items like Lard, 10 lb, Lard oil, 10 lb, etc.

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