

EPIZOOTY.—We hear that a great many horses in this county are dying from some disease similar to the epizootic. It is claimed by some that this disease is nothing else than colds, contracted by eating mouldy hay. During the first part of the winter there was considerable mist, or drizzling rain, which drifted through the barns, penetrating the outside of the hay to the depth of about two feet. We have conversed with a number of farmers and find this to be the case, and that the horses which are running out are not afflicted. If it is necessary to keep your horses in the stable, feed them very little hay. Give them a mess of apples every day if you have them to spare.

NEW MAIL ROUTE WANTED.—The increasing business of Sheridan and points between that place and Salem demand a more convenient mail route than that now running. A project is now on foot to have a tri-weekly mail from Salem via Lincoln, Keno, Bethel and Portland to Sheridan. We hope the project will prove successful as those places need it badly. —Herald.

A MISTAKE.—There is a certain young man here who is very particular about his washing, the other day he wrote a sentimental note to the lady who does his washing and a valentine to his girl, and, by a strange fatality, put the wrong address on each envelope and dropped them in the office. The lady who does the washing was well pleased with her valentine, but when the girl read "If you miss up my shirt bosom, and rub the buttons off my collar any more, as you did the last time, I will go somewhere else," she cried all the evening, and declares that she will never speak to him again.

HAND SAWED.—Again the buzz-saw has furnished us an item. This time it is Mr. Allen Baker, who is working in the furniture establishment of Smith, Sampson & Co., or has been working there until yesterday, when he unfortunately ran his hand in the way of the editor's friend, the buzz-saw while it was grinding away, patiently waiting for another victim. It only mangled a thumb and three fingers very decently, without injuring the bone. Baker will now have time to visit his friends.

PROWLERS.—Some of the night prowlers have again commenced their mischievous pranks. They seem to take a delight in changing movable property from one place to another, such as hauling wagons into the middle of the street, placing wheels against doors, etc. Any one passing Haney's shop they thought they would have imagined that he was a full fledged granger and was going into the hardware business, judging from the specimen the hoodlums left in front of his door.

ANKLE SPRAINED.—Last week Jeff, a son of Judge J. D. Denton, while scuffling had his ankle and foot severely sprained. However, the foot was so badly swollen that it could not be told whether or not any bones were broken. This mishap will have a salutary effect on the youngsters. There is too much rowdiness carried on by both the boys and girls. Jeff will be able to engineer a sulkey plow in about a month.

LECTURE.—Rev. J. Hoberg will deliver at the church, in this place, on next Thursday evening, another of the course of twelve lectures, which promises to be one of the most interesting of the series. The subject will be "The Amethyst," one of the bible jewels. These lectures have proved to be very interesting and instructive and should be listened to by all. Let the house be well filled next Thursday evening.

CAP-SIZE.—A gentleman stepped into one of the stores the other day for the purpose of purchasing a new tie. The obliging merchant asked what size he desired. The customer replied, "I guess about ——" Just then in backing toward the mirror he stepped upon a piece of apple peel and sat down suddenly. It was a cap-size.

NO FOOLISHNESS.—"You mean elastic, don't you?" said one of our modest merchants to an old lady who inquired for garters. "I suppose some high-nosed people call 'em 'lastics,' she said, but when I get too stuck up to ask for garters, I'll not box my Susanna's ears for saying hoo when she means stockings. She got her garters.

SEA GULL.—Yesterday morning one of these birds was observed flying over the town. It is, indeed, seldom that a sea gull is seen here. Perhaps it thought that the world had again been flooded by the rains which have descended incessantly for the last three months, and concluded to look for Ararat.

UNFORTUNATE.—Mr. Charley True, living about four miles north of this place, had the misfortune to lose two horses from epizooty, the other week. They were the only horses he possessed, and had paid for them in work, finishing the work just a short time before they died. He is a poor man and can ill afford such a loss.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. Henry White, living a few miles south of this place, sold his farm consisting of 110 acres for the sum of \$10,000, the other day. Three gentlemen recently from Wisconsin are the purchasers.

LYCUM.—The last meeting of this organization proved more interesting than usual. There was considerable noise among the young folks occasioned by showing valentines and comparing notes trying to find out the senders.

AMITY.

Tuesday, 15th.—To-day's sunshine shortened many long faces in this community. Old Oregonians were wearing their good length and a few Missourians were becoming hideous. But sunshine banishes darkness of all kind, excepting groes and that blackness of despair will soon give place to cheerfulness and her gayer companions, mirth and joy.

The wind work of a steam grist mill is nearly completed, and in fancy, we already hear the dull rolling rumble of many burrs. The enterpriser who is a worthy one and led by the gentlemen who are now talking it up will doubtless be a success.

If after the experience of the past winter the citizens of Amity are not willing to lend a helping hand to a mill enterprise we know of no argument that would make them, unless it would be a worse winter than last and the mud a little deeper.

One of our poets has been "provoking" his nose, as the following from a chaste and harmonious valentine will testify: With the girls you try to go If they speak to you it grieves you so But you can't go with them I know If sometimes you'd wear a stove pipe hat again.

You are so terribly on the marry And you are worse than the old Harry. Your head is so much hairy So far while you bid better hairy. Certainly, me swainness. Members of the Literary Society are preparing for a grand exhibition. Time, two or three weeks hence. They intend to present the "Drunkard, or the Fallen Sinner" and "The Irish Tutor." These pieces will constitute an entertainment of rare merit—a heavier task has not been attempted by non-professionals to our knowledge. Success to them we say.

Below will be found a copy of some of the valentines received in this place: Here is one of undisguised admiration. My own darling! How I love you; you are sweeter than a big lump of sugar. How I long to press you to my bosom and call you my own. Your eyes are like golden stars, and your smiling countenance makes my heart leap into my mouth like a big frog seeking to get away from a big black snake. Oh, may you ever be, as now, my own valentine.

Here is one from a jilted suitor, we suppose: You practice your coquetish arts as well as the devil before he was consigned to hell. But for an unvarnished opinion the following will do: The rose is red, the violet blue; the devil is ugly, and so are you.

This is decidedly original, if nothing else: My pen is from a goose's tail; my love for you shall never fail. If you'll only scold me the plots I'll love you freely, yes, love you lots. This one is evidently from the same piece of cloth, only more so: My pen is made from a rooster feather, my thoughts and pen hang well together; my ink is made of water and frank, to write you, my dirty bikk. But nevertheless they both will do, to write to such a fellow as you; but this will do till some other time, and I'll sign my name, St. Valentine.

IN MEMORIAM PERPETUAM.

NORTH YAMHILL, February 13, 1876. WHEREAS, in obedience to the irrevocable laws of Nature Death has removed from our circle a loved and honored member; in consideration of the loss of our Brother, FRANKLIN LAUGHLIN; and in view of the heaviest and irreparable bereavement sustained by those nearest and dearest to him; let it be Resolved, That it is just tribute to the memory of the departed to say we, in regretting his death, mourn for one who was entirely worthy of our sincerest regard, and whom time rendered more and more dear; and be it further Resolved, That we deeply condole with the family of the deceased in this, their hour of deepest sorrow. Also, be it Resolved, That this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy be forwarded to the parents of our lamented brother, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our county papers for publication.

WM. BALE, } Com. WM. WHITE, } H. C. LIESER, } A. D. RUNNELLS, Sec. I. O. G. T.

EXPLANATION.

The annexed fully explains itself: "Ed. COURIER.—I 'rise to explain.' A jolly crowd started for Lafayette via St. Joe. Hoping to address some of the citizens as might come out, but after thumping, bumping and splashing over a portion of the road, one horse balked, and the other gave out, leaving us in the mud between McMinnville and St. Joe. After walking through intolerable mud and water, found ourselves at this place at 8 o'clock, wet, muddy and cold, therefore could not possibly reach Lafayette. Hoping this will explain, I subscribe myself your humble, yet disappointed servant, H. A. LOUGHARY. St. Joe, Feb. 15."

A large audience was present and was very much disappointed at the non-arrival of the speaker. The ways of balky horses are mysterious.

PENMANSHIP.—This evening, at the academy, Prof. Cresswell will have the pupils contest for the best specimens in penmanship. The school will be graded into three classes by judges appointed for the occasion, who will grade them from specimens now in the hands of the professor. Some exercises will also be given on the blackboard. All are invited to be present, and take a hand in the contest if they so desire. No premiums have been offered.

DANCE.—Quite a number of the young folks, accompanied by music, assembled in the dining-room of the Essex Hotel, last Tuesday evening, and whiled away a few hours very enjoyably in the mystic dance.

LOCAL EPIZYOTE.

Spring weather. Boys are shooting. Another beautiful week. Croquet should be revived. Soon be time to make gardens. Lafayette needs an express office. Dancing school every Saturday evening.

The third quarter of school closes today. Cato Sullivan has been doing the town this week. Synd. can't you publish a map of the mud up your way. Rev. W. D. Nichols and family have returned to Dayton.

The Republican State Convention will meet at Portland May 3d. The steamer Beaver seemed to be the chief attraction last Sunday. How many valentines have you received, is the leading conundrum.

The musical little "skeeter" has commenced to blow his bloody bugle. Uncle Thomas Wright of North Yamhill, gave us a call during the week. Why don't the proper officials have the ground floor of the Court-House fixed. The ways of some of the young gentlemen (?) of this place are very sinuous.

Woman Suffrage is the question for debate next Monday night at the Lyceum. Dr. J. W. Watts has been elected President of the State Temperance Alliance. The mumps is getting the best of some of the boys in Chehalis, so we are informed.

Why is your wife like dynamite? Because she's apt to blow you up if harshly handled. Grouse are getting plentiful, at least the fortunate hunters say so, but we think different. Frank Stout's stall fed beef took the wrinkles out of some of the stomachs of Lafayette.

The symphonious vibrations of the willow whistle are heard once more on the streets. A Polish dancing-master committed suicide in Erie, Pa., the other day. He scotched his head off. That little naked rascal, with wings, called cupid, knocked many hearts into smithereens last Monday.

It is stated that Grant will go upon the stage. The railroads are going to quit the free-pass business. The only female sovereign in India wears breeches.—Exchange. They must all be sovereigns in this country. The saying that "there is more pleasure in giving than receiving," is supposed to refer to kicks, medicine and advice.

It is said the reason that Boston detectives use an axe to enter a gambling-house is because they want to get the chips. Uncle Tom Wright says that the cayotes are bothering him considerably, and in consequence has offered a reward of \$5 per scalp. Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl in the dark; you may know what you are doing, but nobody else does.

It is rumored that Bishop A. Bayley was drowned on the schooner that went ashore on Clatsop Beach. We think there is no foundation in the rumor. Will this pipe smoke feed a gentleman who was purchasing a pipe from a bungler. "Yes, if you can tug your tobacco as I do," was the reply.

We hear that a number of poor men living on the Chehalis mountain have lost all their horses from epizooty. Why is it that the poor lose often than the rich? We were mistaken about last Saturday being the day appointed to organize a militia company in this place. To-morrow evening is the time. Turn out everybody.

Never insult a man because he is poor in purse or raiment; for beneath a ragged coat it may be that a muscle lies concealed that could put a head on the oldest man in the business. When a lady slips down so emphatically as to throw her tooth into the street, all the finer feelings of his nature urge a man not to laugh, and he would not were he not so thoroughly imbued with old Adam.

The roads of this county were never in worse condition. The incessant rains have made the mud so deep that it is almost impossible to do travelling with success. There should be more work done this year than last. "I say, wife! what have you done with the other leg of these pants?" said old Bilkins, who, a little befuddled from his last night's spree, was trying to get into Mrs. Bilkins' pinback dress.

When a California woman defeated a lion in a hand-to-hand combat the neighbors were greatly astonished, but her husband quietly remarked, Oh, that is nothing. That woman could lick the devil. That was a shrewd girl, and not devoid of sense either, who remarked, when other girls were making fun of her short skirts, and affected to be much shocked at the exhibition thereof at a party: "If you'll only pull up your dresses about your necks where they ought to be, they would be as short as mine!"

A series of very interesting meetings have been held in Chehalis, remarkable for the quietness and interest in the good cause; also at Smith's Chapel, Carlton. At this place several united with the M. E. Church. Rev. Hoberg is doing good work, and should be allowed to remain on this circuit as long as possible. The late "Professor" Morey, it seems, has walked off with some of the school money, to which he had no right. We do not know the amount, but large or small he should be brought to account." —Amateur Press.

We do not believe it, nor do we think Professor Morey would take one cent of money not justly belonging to him.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Beecher scandal is boiling in Brooklyn now. Longfellow is to be the poet and Wm. M. Everett the orator at the Centennial.

A meeting of the County Central Committee will soon be called by J. T. Hembree, chairman, to take the important steps toward holding the County Convention.

Bruce, the negro Senator from Mississippi, has become indignant at Gen. Grant and has denounced him in open Senate, in consequence of his course toward Mississippi.

Judge L. L. McArthur has delivered his lecture on "The founders of our mother tongue" at Eugene and at Salem. The lecture is very highly commended by the press and all who have had the pleasure of hearing it. The Judge is a man of fine eloquence as well as a sound jurist.

Senator Morton, of Indiana, makes a speech nearly every day in favor of admitting the negro Pinchbeck as a Senator from Louisiana, but still the "man and brother" lingers without the bar of the Senate and is denied the privilege of wearing the Senatorial toga. It is evident from the actions of Senators thus far that Morton's labor will not be rewarded by the admission of Pinchbeck.

A resolution has been introduced in the legislature of Iowa, by a Catholic, proposing an amendment to the constitution of that State, providing against any division of the school fund of that State for sectarian purposes, and against all sectarianism in public schools. The Catholics are not in favor of dividing the school funds. A few fanatics may be; but the majority of that Church in this country do not favor such a proposition.

HOBBLE FATE.—A few days ago a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton, who live near Newbery, [Newberg] Yamhill county, met with a horrible fate. The unfortunate child was aged about 2 1/2 years. During the temporary absence of the mother, the child got hold of some kindling wood and began to play in the fire, and in this manner its clothes caught. The mother who was out in the yard hearing the screams ran into the house, and was terrified to find her child enveloped in flames. She picked the child up and endeavored to extinguish the fire. In doing this her hands, arms and bosom were badly burned. Finding she could not put out the fire, the mother, in an agony of error, ran with the child over to the house of Mr. Holston, a neighbor living near by. On the way Mrs. Barton crossed a small stream, but did not have presence of mind sufficient to roll the child in the water and thus extinguish the flames. When the mother reached her neighbor's house, Mr. Holston threw a quantity of water over the child and extinguished the fire. The child was so badly burned that it survived only 2 1/2 hours. Mrs. Barton is also severely burned. —Oregonian.

The unfortunate heathens in Africa should all be black as once. An irreparable loss has fallen upon them; or, what is about the same thing, an expected blessing is unlikely to reach them in consequence of circumstances over which the blessing has no control. The Rev. E. P. Smith, late Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and now President of Howard University, was invited by the American Missionary Association to visit Africa and inspect the missions of the society, to enquire into the best method of enlarging its work, and to find the most hopeful field for further operations among the Africans. The invitation was accepted; the trustees of the university granted the Rev. Major leave of absence and he was on the point of departing, when, as we learn from Washington, several warrants were issued for his arrest, while at the same time an officer made his appearance in that city with a requisition for his return to Minnesota. These proceedings will delay the proposed missionary undertaking. We do not know in what manner the American Missionary Association propose to utilize the party and Pine Ring experience of the late Indian Commissioner on Africa's golden sands; but perhaps it was thought that his investigations into the resources of the Black Hills might prove valuable there. We fear the misguided natives of Africa will never realize their loss if Smith fails to put in an appearance among them; but if they could only have an hour's chat on the subject with Spotted Tail, or some others of the sagacious old American natives who have had an intimate acquaintance with him, and with his devout friend Delano, there is no doubt their lamentations would be terrible to the ear. —Sun.

ORIGON.

The Henkle farm, six miles west of Corvallis, has just been sold for \$6,000. It contained 320 acres. Dr. Bailey, who died in Marion county not long since, had been practicing medicine in Oregon for about 40 years.

A young man in Lebanon recently had love, music and wind knocked out of him by a stick of stove-wood that his Diabolical little brother slung at him while he was serenading his lovely.

There are cargoes of wheat for ten good sized ships still in store at Albany.

More snow than usual is reported to have fallen in the Blue mountains this winter. Capt. Winant is loading a schooner at Toledo, Benton county, with oysters, for San Francisco, Toledo is on Yaquina bay.

W. Masters, of Farmington had an encounter with a half dozen of that kind of cats that the Irishman said had been 'aitin' onions,' and Masters was mastered by the said sweet-scented felines. Sheep are reported dying fast in Clear Lake valley.

Hobson & Warren have secured from Mr. Hickox one thousand shingles for the centennial, a single shingle measuring 20 inches in width. A young man named Joe Newcomb was arrested at Korbville one day last week, for an attempt to outrage the person of a young lady, and is now confined in the jail at that place.

There is some talk of organizing a company at Jacksonville to start for the Black Hills county in the summer. A widower with six children married a widow with an equal number in Lun county a few days ago. Twelve responsibilities for a starter is very good.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. FROM THE PORTLAND DAILIES. The Democratic Caucus. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—At the Democratic caucus to-night about 100 members of the House and 12 or 15 senators were present. Many short speeches were made on the financial question. Final resolutions were adopted for the appointment of a committee consisting of nine members of the House and four Senators to whom were referred the pending proposition of Representative Landers for the repeal of the specie resumption act, and that of Representative Payne for the gradual resumption of specie payment, and the committee were instructed to report a financial platform at an adjourned meeting of the caucus on Thursday next.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an order of the County Court of Yamhill County, State of Oregon, made and entered of record on the 5th day of October, 1875, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand U. S. gold coin, in front of the Court House door in Yamhill county, State of Oregon on the 5th day of March, 1876, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, of said day the following described real estate, to-wit: The undivided one-fifth part of lots No. 104, No. 97 and No. 96; also the undivided one-fifth part of the upper half of lot twenty-seven, all in the town of Dayton, Yamhill County, State of Oregon. Also the undivided one-fifth part of the following described tract of land in Yamhill county, State of Oregon, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the south bank of the Yamhill river, north 39 degrees west, distant 20 feet from the northwest corner of the town plat of said town of Dayton; thence south 52 degrees west parallel with the line of said town plat 15 chains; thence north 17.53 chains to the Yamhill river; thence down said river with its meanderings 14.55 chains to the place of beginning; containing ten acres and twenty-six perches more or less.

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