

TOWN AND COUNTY.

Rev. Dr. Chandler will preach this evening at 7 o'clock, at the Baptist Church.

Hon. Joseph S. Smith will please accept our thanks for public documents received.

The Salem Daily Press will appear about the middle of next week. Success attend it.

Union services will be held at the Congregational Church, to-morrow evening. Sermon by Dr. Chandler.

The new Odd Fellows' Hall building in this city, has been treated to a coat of paint, which will materially aid in the preservation of its walls.

Passenger coaches have passed over the line of the Oregon Central Railroad, on several occasions this week. The turntable, at Parrott's creek is finished, and the locomotive James B. Stephens was turned about in precisely sixty seconds, on Wednesday.

We desire to call the attention of such of our readers as may be in need of pumps to the advertisement of Mr. C. H. Myers, in another column. The stock on hand is equal to any demand that is likely to arise for those articles in this State—and we hope to hear that the enterprise of Mr. Myers, in this respect and all others, is abundantly rewarded, by numerous cash sales.

McCracken, Merrill & Co. advertise this week that they import direct from New York many staple articles which they offer low to the trade. Good, practical farmers, who can realize that the most bountiful soil must sometimes wear out, will be gratified to learn from this advertisement that Messrs. McCracken, Merrill & Co. have also applied themselves to the importation of land plaster. Let this fact be remembered.

The officers elected by Oregon Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing term, are as follows: F. O. McCown, N. G.; E. B. Fellows, V. G.; J. M. Frazer, Secretary; D. C. Ireland, P. S.; Thomas Charman, Treasurer.

On Thursday the work of putting in a side track and switches, at the Oregon Central Railroad station, in this city, was commenced. The station is at present located midway between Sixth and Seventh streets. The side track will cover the distance of about six blocks—perhaps 1200 feet. The station can now be best approached by the alley through the jail block, but should that site be permanently fixed for the depot, then sixth and seventh streets, (east of Main street) and that portion of Bluff street lying between the two, must necessarily be considerably improved.

The Portland Evening Commercial, of the 28th, pays the Oregon City Water Works and fire department the following tribute:

"From the elevated nature of the ground of Oregon City, and the admirable facilities for securing a good head of water, by means of reservoirs, the people of that place are not compelled to procure, at a considerable outlay, fire engines, for their mutual protection against fire. All that the present fire department of Oregon City consists of, is two hose companies, and one hook and ladder company; mains connecting with the reservoirs placed upon the bluff several hundred feet above, and leading to numerous hydrants, situated in various portions of the town, serving every purpose of engines. It is said that a stream of water can be thrown over the loftiest buildings."

On last Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning, there were fire alarms in the city—the first one at the residence of J. M. Moore, Esq., and the second at St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church. And but for the assistance of the Water Company and Fire Department, property to the value of more than the works and apparatus cost, perhaps, might have been destroyed. Every town should provide against conflagration ere they experience the necessity for such things. Oregon City suffered her loss, in this respect, years ago, but now the business portion of the place is comparatively safe.

As that affair between two of the most law-abiding citizens of Clackamas county, Mr. Clark Greenman, our City Drayman, and Josiah Howell, Esq., of Canemah, has become a topic of considerable comment, in private circles, we deem it our duty, as a journalist, to state the facts in the case. A friend who witnessed the whole transaction, says that the following is a true account:

"Mr. Greenman had arrived at the station with a dry load of supplies for the Clackamas mess house, among which was a quarter of beef. He was growing impatient at that time upon the platform supporting the tank. Mr. Greenman made some reply to Mr. Howell, neither of the gentlemen appearing to be angry. Thus, 'one word brought on another,' until Howell jumped down from the tank, picked up a piece of plank, and walked toward Greenman, who, by this time, had descended from his dray, and taken a dray-stake in his hands. Not another word was said; for both were very busily employed; and by the time Mr. Greenman had unloaded his dray Mr. Howell was again upon the tank, fitting the aforesaid piece of plank to a place which had been reserved for it. People can form their own conclusions—not a blow was struck, except by Jo., who hit a nail several clips, in fastening the plank down."

The Washington correspondent of the Eugene State Journal says: Senators Williams and Corbett, and Representative Smith, of Oregon, are all here, and have taken up their winter quarters. Mr. Thompson, of Oregon City, is in the city to attend to business connected with the General Land Office relating to surveying in Oregon last summer. A contract was let by the Surveyor General to Mr. Thompson and others amounting to \$20,000, to survey lands in Eastern Oregon. The Commissioner here assumed to cancel the contract, but has finally agreed on the case being laid before him by Mr. T., to allow \$15,000, and will probably allow the whole amount.

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CHRISTMAS EVE IN OREGON CITY.

For the Enterprise.

It was a stormy night; the rain fell in torrents; such a rain storm as often visits Oregon, and would add gloom to the most joyous occasion. Learning that there was to be a Christmas tree at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, we buttoned on our overcoat and started through the driving storm for the Church. Arriving there we found the Church well filled with the children of the Sunday School, their teachers, parents and friends. The Christmas tree, the great feature of the occasion, was placed near the pulpit, and a more beautiful tree it has never been our pleasure to witness. It was richly laden with a great variety of presents, and was most tastefully decorated and illuminated with wax tapers. The children occupied the front pews of one side of the house with their teachers. The school numbers some sixty pupils. It was a pleasing sight to see so many children gathered together on this occasion, and as we observed how orderly and quiet they were, we could not but believe that the Episcopal Sunday School was doing a great work for the children, and doing it well. The Church was beautifully decorated. Wreaths of evergreen were hung gracefully from the ceiling and turned around the windows. Wreaths also adorned the sides of the building, and between the windows were placed appropriate mottoes, surrounded with boughs of cedar. On the wall behind the pulpit was placed the cross with the letters I. H. S., and to the right the star, illustrative of the star that appeared to the wise men of the East. Across the end of the Church, arched above the cross, was the most appropriate sentence: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

We thanked God that so many were celebrating so glorious an event; that all over the world where the gospel of Christ was preached there was joy, such joy, such joy as inspires hopes, hope and faith, a joy far exceeding all earthly joy—drawing the thoughts away from earth and chaining them around the throne of God. Sweet images of a pure child, proclaimed on Bethlehem's plain, heralded by angels, pointed out by a star, sung of by ancient prophets, fitted around our memory. His youth, how He was obedient to His parents. His public ministry, the mighty miracles He wrought, the scorn and hatred of the Jews, His cruel betrayal and crucifixion on the shameful tree, and His triumphant ascension into Heaven from the Mount of Olives, and a free salvation offered to a sinful world, were floating in rapid succession before the mind's eye, when we were aroused by the sweet strains of music swelling forth in a joyous pean of praise. The children, carolling a thrilling Christmas hymn. Mrs. Schwood presided at the organ. The organ and the children seemed to be inspired by the occasion, and as the carol was wafted out on the night wind we knew the angels were hovering near, their golden harps were swelling more gloriously around the great white throne, a song so rapturous that the plains of Bethleem alone could bear but once.

After the children had sung several carols the rector, Rev. J. W. Sellwood, asked the children some questions pertaining to the Christmas festival. The children then sang Kibbs' beautiful evening hymn—

"Sun of my soul,
 Thy Savior dear,
 When thou art here,
 We'll sing and praise
 Thy precious name,
 And glorify in thee,
 For evermore,
 Amen."

Mr. Sellwood, Esq., then made a short address, in which he spoke of the reasons why we celebrate with joy the birth of Christ. The rector followed in a few remarks to the children and parents, which were eloquently expressed and left a deep impression on all. "Gather around the Christmas tree," was then sung with much spirit, after which the presents were distributed. Many a bright smile crept over the faces of the children as they received their gifts. We were sorry when the exercises were over and we had to breast the storm again; and we thought that the storm on earth never ceases, and that the work of rescuing the lost—of working in the Sunday School must go on generation by generation, and day by day. The evening was spent, the children were joyful, and we went home to dream of roast turkey and plum pudding for the morrow, and a merry Christmas for all.

On Monday evening last, at about 7 o'clock, as the steamer Albany was about two miles above Humphrey's rapid, four miles above Independence, the wrist pin fastening the connecting-rod to the crank of the wheel on the right side, came out. Being released from all restraint the steam forced the piston through the cylinder, crushing out one head, and throwing heavy pieces of broken iron promiscuously about, carrying away a portion of one of the stanchions. Fortunately no person was hurt. The boat ran down to this city with one engine, and is being repaired and will be out again in a few days. The P. T. Co., are entitled to much credit for the energy with which they repair damages, and accommodate the public.

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Oregon City Prices Current.

The following are the prices paid for produce, and the prices at which other articles are selling, in this market: WHEAT—White, per bushel, 70 cts. OATS—per bushel, 57 1/2 cts. POTATOES—per bushel, 27 1/2 to 40 cts. ONIONS—per bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.50. FLOUR—per barrel, \$4.00 to \$4.50. BEANS—White, per bushel, 6 cts. DRIED FRUIT—Apples, per bushel, 4 to 5 cts; Peaches, per bushel, 10 to 12 cts; Plums, per bushel, 10 to 20 cts. CORN—Yellow Hybrid, per bushel, \$1.50; Java, per bushel, 90c to \$1.25; Black, per bushel, 75c to \$1.00. COFFEE—per bushel, 22 to 25 cts. SALT—per bushel, 1 1/2 to 3 cts. SYRUP—Heavy Golden, per gallon, \$1.10; Light Golden, per gallon, \$1.00 to \$1.10. BACON—Hams, per bushel, 15 cts; 14 cts; 15 cts; Shoulders, 10 cts. LARD—Devon's Kerosene, per gallon, 80c to \$1.00; Lard, white, per bushel, \$1.65; Lard, yellow, per bushel, \$1.70. WOOL—per bushel, 20 cts. BEEF—On foot, 6 cts; per bushel, 10 cts. PORK—On foot, 6 cts; per bushel, 10 cts. SHEEP—Per head, \$2.00 to \$2.50. HIDES—Green, per bushel, 5c; Dry, per bushel, 10 cts. TALLOW—per bushel, 10 cts. TEA—Green, \$1.50 each.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Nainum Lodge No. 1, A. O. U. W. Meets every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Main street. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, W. M.

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Saddlery.—J. H. Schram, of this City, is now manufacturing the best Saddlery and Harness in the State. He will have at least 50 sets of all grades, from fine to common, finished and ready for sale next month, and more than that number of Saddles. He is bound to make a trade with any man who wishes to buy of him. He uses both Oregon and California leather in his establishments, and his work bears a most excellent reputation abroad. We hope that citizens of our own county will think of this, when they want any articles in his line.

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