

CITY AND COUNTRY.

THURSDAY, Dec. 24

Kansas Sufferers.

The following telegram, received just as we go to press, explains itself. It is to be hoped a liberal contribution of Oregon flour will, in a few weeks, find its way to the starving people of the grasshopper region:

PORTLAND, Dec. 24, 1874.

To Rev. P. S. Knight: The O. & G. R. R., and the Oregon Steamship Company, and also river boats will carry all contributions free. Make the announcement as general as necessary. I. R. MOORES.

FILED—Articles of Incorporation were filed in the Secretary of State's office yesterday, for the Puyallup Valley Coal Company. The enterprise and business in which this corporation proposes to engage is to locate, acquire by purchase or otherwise, coal lands and real estate in Washington Territory; to build and equip ships, vessels and barges; to construct and maintain railroads, telegraphs, etc., in carrying on the business. The principal office to be located at Portland. Capital stock \$500,000, in shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are J. C. Ainsworth, R. E. Thompson and S. G. Reed.

RESIGNED—Mr. Frank E. Hodgkin delivers this morning, his valedictory to the readers of the Statesman. Mr. H. has for some months been the efficient and enterprising city editor of that paper and resigns his position to accept one in the Salem Post-office. He enters upon the discharge of his new duties after a short trip to the metropolis and his past experience in Uncle Sam's postal service warrants us in believing that Col. Ricey has secured an efficient and trustworthy assistant.

AN EMERGENCY OFFICER.—Hon. W. R. Dunbar, G. W. Chief Templar of Oregon, returned yesterday from an official trip to Southern Oregon. He has been absent 41 days, during which time he has travelled 1,241 miles, organized 11 lodges, visited 37, and delivered 25 public addresses. Mr. Dunbar has made a sterling, energetic, and effective officer, and is the "right man in the right place."

PLAHER SOLD.—Mr. B. F. Drake has already contracted to sell one of the planers which he spoke of as being built in his machine shop, and the same party also engages him to build a sharper—a wood working machine used for ash work. They are to be finished by the first of February for Carter & Son of Albany.

Passengers for Portland.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Ajax, sailed from San Francisco for Portland at the usual hour yesterday with the following

PASSENGERS:

- Prof Welcker & fam, Prof Ashburner, A Gill & wife, S R Irvine, G W Hoyt, S Pearson & family, E E Tucker, L Bergoin, J H Moore, J Noonling, Mrs Captain Forbes, Miss E Smith, B Cincleman, Emil Frank, J Knewles & family, J Goldsmith, C L Intermeila, J W Clark, R Jennings, F Zimmerman, E F Gregg, H O Clark, E Miller, Miss J Boggs, Mrs A Bammelster & Mrs B Gallagher, dr, M Schanmoff & wf, Mrs M Neal & dr, T Wilder & wife, L Buer & family, E Brock, T Rott & family.

SLIGHTLY MIXED.—We clip the following from the patent outside of a recent number of the Albany Register: Mrs. Grant, who lives in Polk county, near King's valley, California, killed two deer on Tuesday of last week. On the Monday previous she killed a very large fat buck. This lady has now killed eighteen deer since she resided on the Luckamute, and is one of the most successful shots in that section of the country.

ONEATA.—Col. A. B. Meacham last night read at the Opera House the third chapter of his forthcoming work, entitled the "Legend of Oneata." The plot of the legend is founded on facts and the Col. has woven it into story in beautiful language. We who know the "noble red man" of this illibe so well can hardly in our day appreciate a story that idealizes the savages we see daily drunk and squall on our streets. But this fact cannot take away the beauty of Col. Meacham's legend. The only thing we regret is that the Colonel last night tried to give a forty minute story in a twenty minute reading, which detracted much from the beauty of it. We have the promise, and hope soon to publish this beautiful legend in the DAILY RECORD.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—Last season a gentleman of this city procured a small photograph picture of his estimable wife and sent it to San Francisco, where it was incased to a full life size portrait picture by one of the best artists of that city, and placed in a very beautiful French frame. On Christmas morning of that season she was greatly surprised, as well as delighted, to find herself thus reflected from the walls of her own parlor. She, however, kept her own counsel, fully determined on having her own sweet revenge. She quietly went to two of our Salem artists, and procured a most excellent picture of the gentleman, of corresponding size, and through "him of the art gallery," procured from San Francisco a perfect duplicate of the first frame, and on the morning of the 23rd inst the gentleman found himself paid off in his own coin, and will not probably say that little game again very soon. Of course he never "blush" but the two first letters of their names are Mr. and Mrs. "J. H. Howell."

TIMELY.—Mr. E. A. Smith has been five years in the constant employ of the Salem Flouring Mills Company, and has during

that time been as punctual as clock work in the discharge of his duties. Messrs. R. G. Kinney & Sons wanted to show some evidence of their appreciation of his faithful and friendly services and they improved the season to make him a Christmas present of an elegant watch of Waltham manufacture, chronometer movement, as a token of friendship, not that Scott is ever behind time, or wants watch ing, or needs any chronometer balance, or regulating, but they wanted to make him a Christmas present to prove that they as well as he, see always on time. Messrs. Haas & Hernandez sold the beautiful gift and it was to be delivered this afternoon, but it would be a nice joke if he reads this item before he gets it.

FIRE.—About eight o'clock last Thursday evening the furniture establishment of Mr. John F. Parrott on Commercial street took fire. So quickly did the fire spread do its work that nothing could be saved. The fire companies were promptly on the ground and did good work and prevented the spread of the flames. How the fire originated is not known. Messrs. William Igo and James Foulks who were first on the ground states that the fire was in the front room, at a place nearly 40 feet distant from the stove which gives rise to the suspicion that it was the work of an incendiary. Mr. Parrott loses about \$1,000, which is covered by \$600 insurance.

TEACHERS' EXAMINING BOARD.—The Oregon State Board of examination which is to meet on the first Monday of the coming month is composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, President T. M. Gatch, of the Willamette University, President B. L. Arnold, of the Agricultural College, Professor J. W. Johnson, of the Portland High school, Prof. J. Allen Maroum of Oregon City, and Professor W. L. Worthington, of the Astoria High school.

OUR WATER WORKS.—The residents and property holders of Salem, living in Commercial and Front streets can congratulate themselves upon having an ample supply of water in event of a fire. At the fire Thursday night there was no end to the water supply. And notwithstanding the amount used, Mr. J. M. Martin informs us that the tank was lowered but eight inches.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—At a regular meeting of Salem Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., held Friday evening, December 25th, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: J. H. Albert, W. M.; Wm. Armstrong, S. W.; S. Friedman, J. W.; E. N. Gillingham, Secretary; Squire Farrar, Treasurer; O. J. Carr, Tyler; A. H. Wilson, S. D.; James McGhee, J. D.; John Dancy and Charles H. Walker, Stewards.

WELL DONE.—Miss Ada Vandervort, across the river, collected Thursday afternoon among her neighbors the sum of \$10.19, which amount was placed upon the Christmas tree at the Highland Church for the Rev. Mr. Jenkins, of Dallas, who presides at that church at stated times during the present Conference year. A good and substantial Christmas gift.

FAMILY DINNER.—At a family dinner yesterday in North Salem, consisting of twenty-one persons, the united ages of the six eldest present was 404 years. The oldest Captain English 85, and the youngest, his wife, aged 45. The dinner took place at the residence of Mr. Geo. Foss, a grandson of Captain English and a nephew by marriage of Gen. E. D. Baker.

ACCIDENT.—Yesterday a little son of Mr. Stanley, living near the Fair Ground, was run over by a heavy farm wagon, the wheels of the vehicle passing over the lad's breast. Singular as it may seem no bones were broken, but the little fellow was considerably bruised. Dr. J. D. McCurdy was called and attended to the sufferer and we learn that the boy is quite comfortable this morning.

ARRESTED.—Officer John Minto arrested yesterday a person who has long been suspected of selling liquor to the noble red man. He was caught in the act of dealing out the fire-water. The person arrested is said to be a half-breed, living in the neighborhood of French Prairie. He will be brought before Commissioner P. L. Willis this afternoon.

The members of the First Presbyterian Church presented a beautiful silver watch, guard and emblematic charm to their pastor Rev. W. R. Stewart on the Christmas tree Thursday evening.

The State Board of Examination consisting of the Board of Education and five practical teachers meet in this city in semi-annual session, the first Monday in January.

MARRIED.—In Salem, Dec. 25th, 1874, by Rev. P. S. Knight, Owen D. Hutton and Sarah E. Barker, all of Salem.

DIED.—Thursday the 24th inst., near Esthel, Polk county, Joseph Frazied, aged 15 years, of heart disease.

MARRIED.—December 23d, 1875, by T. Goodrich, J. P., Mr. John H. Harpole to Miss Annetta DeHaven, all of Marion county.

Prof. Emery, of the Corvallis College writes Hon. S. F. Chadwick that that institution is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. J. J. McFarland has been elected Superintendent of the Alder Drying Works in this city.

Five steamboats and the barge Ben Bolt spent Christmas in the capital city.

Married.

At the residence of A. B. Cooper, Esq., on Christmas eve, 1874, by Rev. P. S. Knight, Mr. Lafayette Williams and Miss Nettie Cooper, all of this city. No cards.

The above notice answers the riddle we propounded Thursday. The bridegroom is well known as a young man of excellent character and fine talents, just entering the practice of law and the bride is the daughter of our esteemed fellow citizen A. B. Cooper, Esq. There is no reason why a life of happiness should not realize for them all the best wishes their friends can express. We are in receipt of the news of the wedding feast and return our thanks with our congratulations.

Tide Land Deeds.

Col. T. H. Cann, the clerk of the Board of School Land Commissioners, has issued this week the following deeds for tide lands in COOS COUNTY:

Table listing land deeds in Coos County with names and acreage.

CURRY COUNTY. Patrick McCormick, Catharine Smith, S. Woodruff, John Houtley.

Across the River in Polk.

HIGHLAND CHURCH, Dec. 24, 1874. MR. EDITOR: Highland Church was crowded last night to witness the presentation of gifts from the Christmas trees. The Church was artistically decorated with evergreens, with here and there a picture placed upon the wall. The building was well lighted with lamps and wax candles, showing the trees (two in number, which stood in either corner opposite the entrance, and connected with a wreath of evergreens), off to excellent advantage, they were well laden with rich and some costly presents. The following was the PROGRAMME.

- Christmas Song, by Misses White, Hooford and Vandewort, and Messrs. White, Spillz and Winslow. Prayer by Mr. Wickes. Address by Dr. Hudson. Song—"Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep," by Miss Vandevort. Declaration—"The Dutchman's Remedy," Lot Pearce. Dialogue—"An Intelligent Witness," Chas. Vine and Wm. Pearce. "Brother Watkins," Wm. Pearce. "Young Band of Hope's Speech," N. Mason. Recitation, Olive Hooford. Recitation, Walter Hooford. Dialogue, Geo. Teller, Abe Clark and Willis Kenner. Recitation, Cora Loose. Song—"The Christmas Tree," Choir. Presentation of presents by Committee. Song—"Farewell—Good Night," Choir. With cheerful countenances and light hearts the crowd began to retrace their steps to their respective homes. A young girl, just starting out in life and light hearted, received a large apron, supposed to be the gift of some fair damsel. The kind of the record was recited in a lively manner. The whole affair was a grand success; and I think it was conceded by all present to excel anything of the kind ever exhibited here before. J. E.

Weatherford & Co.

If we wanted to do justice to Jim Weatherford, of the popular firm of Weatherford & Co., druggists, etc., we should hesitate about it because something can't be done as well as others. If we were to try to express ourselves about him we should commence by saying that he was the most liberal hearted man and best judge of Christmas in all Salem, and we should end by saying it over again. Early this morning Weatherford came at us with his bill—not his bill but his best wishes and his MERRY CHRISTMAS crystallized into shape and when we took an inventory of it we had stock in trade enough to supply a toilet stand and put a cupboard into good working order. After dividing Weatherford's MERRY CHRISTMAS among us we all felt like writing an eulogy of him, but were too full for utterance, so we sent for Seth, but he replied: "What are all your troubles to me" and lo! behold! Seth had his pockets full of Weatherford and couldn't make up his mind whether to go to house-keeping or go to peddling. Seth having failed us in our emergency we give it up and pronounce Weatherford's case so hard to deal with that we won't say anything about it.

Letter from Brooks.

BROOKS, Marion county, December 24th 1874. MR. EDITOR: Our little town is destitute of newspaper puffs, and advertisements, all for the want of an expert of the quill, perhaps, and as we would like to make our appearance in public print, I submit a few items. Although the people of this place did not petition the Legislature to incorporate, still Brooks is a lively town, small in size and capacity, but improving slowly, with business enough for present purposes, here the farmers have a good shipping point on the railroad, with better facilities in prospect for the future, as the farmers propose building a commodious warehouse, to be in readiness for the coming harvest. There is a Grange organization in good working order, that means business, also a Good Templars Lodge here. There is no need of Local Option as the place is decidedly temperance, there having never been any spirituous drinks sold in the town. The Union Church, which has so long been a

playhouse for the storms of wind and rain is now enclosed and is occupied almost every Sabbath. Our first Christmas tree was planted Christmas eve, and after being beautifully decorated, was adorned with gifts, costly and nice, it was voted a pleasant affair, and everybody was happy, the estimate value of the tree as it stood with branches drooping with the weight of its many treasures was \$1,000 in U. S. G. C. How is that &c. B.

MONDAY, Dec. 22.

PARDONED.—To day the Governor issued a pardon to A. H. Kersting, sentenced to the Penitentiary seven years ago last October for murder in the second degree. Kersting was indicted in Multnomah county, where the killing or accident occurred. At the first trial as certified by Judge Shattuck, the jury disagreed as to whether the killing was not accidental. The evidence in the case was wholly circumstantial and not conclusive. The case was removed to Clackamas county where the jury agreed upon a verdict of murder in the second degree—but the judge and prosecuting attorney have filed their statements in the Executive office that there was no evidence to show that the occurrence might not have been accidental, as has been constantly asserted by Kersting. The conduct of the prisoner has been uniformly without fault. He has been of great service to the prison management and labor, and has on several occasions defeated conspiracies for escape and in one instance interfered to save the life of the second warden as certified of record by that officer. Kersting has well earned his pardon. And there appeared to be grave doubts of his original guilt. He is a prussian and will return to Prussia.

A SMASH UP.—An iron dog which had been left in a log carelessly by a logger stove up the large circular saw in the Mills of the Capital Lumbering Company on Saturday. The patent inserted teeth flew in every direction but fortunately no one was injured. The saw itself was broken and rendered unfit for further use. The Mill Company lose the saw valued at about \$200. Is most malling countries the penalty is large for leaving any iron in a saw log by those who get them ready for market.

WINTER PLUMS.—Mr. H. W. Prettyman of the Railroad Nursery at East Portland, has a plum tree on his place that has blossomed, budded and borne fruit since the fall season commenced. The plums were grown on a seedling four years old. They grew out in the open air exposed to all the vicissitudes of our fall and winter weather. Mr. Prettyman has named the fruit the "Winter Damsion." Who will contend that Oregon is not, in the matter of climate, a favored country?

HEAVY FINE.—A Chinaman whose cognomen is E. N. I. Charlie was arrested last Saturday evening upon the complaint of Mr. James Buchanan who charged him with stealing wood. The thief was taken before H. A. Johnson, Esq., who fined him \$30 and costs amounting in all to about \$60. Not having the coin he was sent to the County Jail to serve out the amount.

PAID IN.—We note the presence in town of Mr. W. Baldwin the Treasurer of Benton county. He will return home to-day minus \$9,045 76, amount of property tax and \$807, amount of poll tax paid by him this morning into the State Treasury for the above named county.

OLIVE LODGE.—The following persons were elected officers of Olive Lodge Number 18 I. O. O. F., for the ensuing term, last Saturday evening. A. N. Gilbert, N. G.; Walter S. Moss, V. G.; Robert Thompson, R. S.; E. C. Churchhill, P. S.; J. M. Scott, Treasurer.

MR. G. W. Hunt, of the Waldo Hills, sent in the names of several new subscribers to the WILLAMETTE FARMER as a Christmas gift. Thanks.

Hon. W. R. Dunbar will pay the Good Templars in Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties an official visit after New Years.

The Vegetable Oyster.

The following beautiful (?) lines relating to the vegetable bivalves, is a Polk county production and was taken from the Christmas tree at the Highland Church last Thursday evening. The lines were enclosed in an envelope and addressed to the DAILY RECORD. In your excellent paper You daily preach About those oysters That are found at Pete's. But not a word have we found About those oysters that grow in the ground; Nevertheless, 'tis really true, We find them there, and plenty too. Each farmer and gardner Can, if he would, Raise his own oysters, And those that are good. By planting the seed With the rake and hoe; Then till the soil, And they will grow. Then every one Can have a dish, Without going to Pete's, Or down to the beach. SALADY.

Supreme Court.

Gallatin Adkins, et al., vs. H. C. Lewis; argued and submitted. Ordered that a mandate issue in the case of Geo. W. Moore respondent vs. W. H. Packwood and Jas W. Virtue appellants. State vs. Gerrard; case taken up. PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, Dec. 24.

A Pleasant Episode.

Yesterday afternoon, at the meeting of the Congregational Church Sabbath School, one of those pleasant occurrences took place that we like to record.

Soon after the school was called to order, Mr. A. B. Cosper stepped upon the platform and, addressing the Superintendent, Mr. T. McF. Patton, in a few chosen and appropriate remarks, presented, on behalf of the scholars of the school, a large and beautiful copy of the Holy Bible. Mr. Patton was taken completely by surprise and his emotions for a moment almost forbade his giving in words his thanks for the testimonial from his pupils.

The Bible bears the inscription: "From the First Congregational Church to T. McF. Patton, Superintendent of Sunday School. The fly leaf will contain the names of the scholars who are at present enrolled as members.

After the presentation, Mr. Patton was elected Superintendent for the seventh year by acclamation. The other officers of the school were then chosen with the following result: A. B. Cosper, Assistant Superintendent; Frank N. Gilbert, Secretary; R. Reid, Librarian; J. M. Adair, Chorister; Squire Farrar, Assistant Chorister; Misses Elva Breyman and Emily Parmenter, Organists. The Superintendent acts as Treasurer.

Grange Election.

DECEMBER 22, 1874.

MR. EDITOR: At a regular meeting of Rock Point Grange, No. 48, Patrons of Husbandry, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: J. Downing, Master; W. Smith, Overseer; E. T. Perkins, Steward; Edward Downing, Assistant Steward; James Talhn, Lecturer; Wm. Manning, Chaplain; Thos. Patton, Treasurer; G. W. Hunt, Secretary; A. Stanton, Gate Keeper; Tompy Downing, Cores; Mrs. Wm. Brooks, Pomona; Mrs. G. S. Downing, Flora; Mrs. Parker, Lady Assistant Steward. The following delegates were elected to the County Council: Perry Darby and G. W. Hunt. There will be a public installation on the third Saturday in January, to commence at 10 o'clock A.M. All invited guests are expected to be present. G. W. HUNT, Cor. Sec'y.

INSTALLATION BY A SISTER.—In the absence of the installing officer, H. B. Jolly, his wife took his place and installed the officers elected of the Mercer Grange, California. This woman is making herself useful in the Grange.

DR. FRANKLIN SAYS:—"The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin us. If all but myself were blind, I would neither want a fine house nor fine furniture."

NORTH SALEM STORE

W. L. WADE, AT THE BRICK STORE, HAS JUST RECEIVED a full assortment of General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots & Shoes, Hardware, Clothing. Calculated for the City and Country Trade. Bought as low, and will be sold at a SMALL A PROFIT, as those who SELL AT COST. Goods delivered to any part of the city free of charge. None

SOLDIERS' WAR CLAIM AGENCY,

No. 34 Montgomery Block, San Francisco.

W. H. AIKEN, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AND Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in California and Nevada, will give prompt attention to the collection of Additional Travel Pay, now due California and Nevada Volunteers discharged more than three hundred miles from home. Soldiers can depend on fair dealing. Information given free of charge. When writing enclose stamp for reply, and state company and regiment and whether you save a discharge. Congress has extended the time for filing claims for additional Bounty under Act of July 28, 1869, to January 1875, so all such claims must be made before that time. Original Bounty of \$100 has been allowed all volunteers who enlisted before July 24, 1861, for three years, if not paid the same when discharged. Land Warrants can be obtained for services rendered before 1855, but not for services in the late war. Pensions for late war and war of 1819 obtained and increased when allowed for less than disability warrants, but no pensions are allowed to Mexican and Florida war soldiers. State of Texas has granted Pensions to surviving veterans of Texas Revolution. New Orleans and Mobile Prize Money is now due and being paid. W. H. Aiken also attends to General Law and Collection Business. antlook

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