

April is upon us, and the biggest piece of fooling we know of is the way in which the weather introduces the genial month, for it rains to-day easier and more persistently than it has before for a twelve month.

The weather seems to have dampened the ardor of all the mischief-makers, for we hear of very few practical jokes. This soaking rain discourages enterprise in that direction, though Herman's little boy, Sampson, did manage early in the morning to make a sale of Seth Hammer, but the boy hadn't been up long enough then to be squelched by the climate.

We had rather a rough practical joke played on us by a great Portland house that has made about a million dollars out of advertising, which sent us up a card that was calculated to serve their turn for a whole season, and which must have cost them sights of study, and for why they offered us one dollar for one month. We dropped that house a postal card reminding them that it was a national anniversary celebrated by practical jokers, and offering to buy a buggy of them on the same terms.

In the absence of sensational matter of current date to make mention of we shall have to tell a good thing which happened at the Penitentiary two years ago, narrated to us by Mr. T. B. Jackson. It is usual for Warden Holzlach to try the shackles each day and see if they are sound. This he does by taking a hammer and striking them, as the prisoners file by, and lift a foot, each one for the test. If they ring right they have not been tampered with. The "happy family" had some way prepared for mutual action and the circle continued until most had made the third appearance. When a tall fellow 6 feet 3 inches high, came up for the third trial, the warden said: "Haven't I tried you before?" "Yes, judge, about twice, but this is the first of April," was the reply, and the officer found he had been made the victim of a very neat practical joke very soberly executed.

OBITUARY.

Rosalie Mulkey, daughter of David and Mulkey died March 29th, 1875, near Smith's Ferry, North Santiam, Marion county, Oregon, aged 26 years and 27 days. She contracted a cold which settled upon her lungs, and finally culminated in consumption. Though afflicted about 25 months, and at times suffering intensely, she bore her suffering with marked patience and resignation. For a few days before her death her pains were excruciating, but her last hours were free from suffering and she passed away like one going to sweet sleep and pleasant dreams.

Rosalie was an obedient and amiable daughter. The afflicted family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. Though she never made a public profession of religion, yet she left the impression on the minds of those who conversed with her upon the subject that she hoped through the merits of Christ to find a home in heaven. Though she has gone from earth we can sing with the poet—

"Yet again we hope to meet thee When the day of life is fled, There in heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell to us is said."

The writer preached a short funeral discourse at the house of Mr. Mulkey from Col. 3-4. Wm. CAPEN.

SUBMITT, Marion Co. Ogn, March 25, 1875. P. S.—Missouri papers please copy.

INCORPORATED.—Yesterday articles were perfected and placed on file by Messrs. F. Steiner, G. G. Glenn, James Anderson, and E. F. Myers, of the Santiam bottom, as incorporators of the Fairview Storage and Shipping Company; capital, \$1,000; whose object is to build a warehouse on the Willamette river, just below the mouth of the Santiam, near the warehouse of Henry Ankeny, on land purchased of Mr. J. F. Backensto, of Albany. They will have the same ready for use before harvest.

MARION COUNTY TAXES.—The total amount of taxes paid up to noon to-day amounted to \$65,313.82 and we judge by the look of the tax book that rather a large deficiency remains uncollected, which of course is due to the fact that times are hard and money scarce. The tax collectors have done their duty and the tax payers are at fault. The taxes hereafter, are due with costs, if these officers are minded to charge the legal 3 per cent allowed them on the delinquent list.

A COYOTE LOOSE.—Gen. John F. Miller informs us that as he rode over Mill Creek prairie, not far from town, he saw a coyote ravaging in a band of sheep belonging to Mr. Cross. It had three sheep down and appeared to be in good condition, as he ought with a band of 500 sheep to feed on. Where are the wolf hunters?

FRIDAY, April 2.

WEATHER REPORT.

March, 1875—Latitude 44° 57'; Longitude 123° 5'.

During the month of March, just closed, there has been 27 days on which rain or snow has fallen sufficient to show measurement in the rain gauge, and one day giving light showers not sufficient to measure.

A light film of snow fell during the night of the 12th, all of which disappeared by 1 o'clock p. m. of the 13th. On the morning of the 23rd, there was 1 1/2 inches of light, soft snow, all of which disappeared by 10 o'clock. Rain and soft melting snow fell in showers at intervals on the 4th, 13th, 14th, 24th and 25th, and hail on the 24, 14th and 24th.

The amount of rain and melted snow which fell during the month was 9.04 inches.

High winds on the 3d, 24th and 25th. One clear and three cloudy days.

Mean temperature for the month, 41.82°; highest, 48° on the 31st; lowest, 35° on the 23d inst.

During March, 1874, there were 11 rainy and cloudy days; 2.66 inches water; 13 clear and 7 cloudy days. Mean temperature for the month, 45°; highest, 57° on the 31st; lowest, 37° on the 7th and 9th. T. FRANCIS.

Help Those Who Suffer.

Charity, in this benighted land, does not have frequent enough exercise to "cover a multitude of sins," but we are glad to notice meets a response whenever it is called upon. Those who do good works are fully as, if not more worthy than those who merely give when asked. Mrs. John Holman, whose heart is "open as the day to melting charity" presented to merchants and others the claims and necessities of a family in our midst that is suffering and needy, afflicted sorely and unable, as customary, to provide for their own wants, and she expressed such pleasant gratitude for the willing response to her appeal that we take pleasure in making known that when such an object is suitably presented our citizens generally make a willing contribution for every good cause.

It should not be that any suffer among us for we have abundance and to spare of all that is essential to mere life and comfort and calls for relief are not over numerous—not nearly so frequent as in all older countries.

Saw Mill Changes.

The Capital Lumbering Company has purchased the saw mill interest of Mr. J. H. Moores, known as the South Salem saw mill. The purchase includes all the machinery of the South Salem mill, large engine and boiler, running gear, saws and planer, also the stock of logs now on hand. The intention of the Capital Lumbering Company is to add the power of the other mill to the one in town and so increase its capacity as to be able to cut 20,000 to 25,000 feet of lumber in ten hours, which will be an addition of one half to the mill's present ability and make its capacity equal to the Portland mills. The planer will also be incorporated in their present mill.

The grist mill at South Salem remains with power attached and will be carried on as heretofore.

Instead of being a "consolidation" as reported, the transfer is a bona fide sale, which however does not include the ground and buildings of the South Salem property.

The River.

The big Willamette is a sort of a conundrum as goes down and up and fills and empties at the same time. This afternoon the river is up—has got its back up, for it backs up into every vacant place it can find, and probably does it from motives of prudence to stand aside and let its own mischief pass by. From the side nooks and ravines it looks slyly forth on the drifts that have been gathering for years on the upper streams and which it has turned loose to go seaward. There they go, the old veterans the mad waters have undermined from their regular standing in the forest aisles, which reach down to the very banks of the whirling waters! Pine, fir, maple and ash, with now and then a gigantic cottonwood go seaward, or are plucked by the malicious torrents as snags for the wrecking of future steamboats.

WRECK OF THE ARCHITECT.—CORRECTED REPORT.—The Portland dailies contain further accounts of the wreck of the bark Architect, which went ashore on Clatsop spit, an account of which we published yesterday. It is a trifling amusing how stories come to be circulated, for it appears that the captain's wife was not saved at all; in truth she was not on board, so the story of the saving of the crew has to be modified to that extent. They fortunately remained over at San Francisco the present trip and so were saved the trouble of being saved. Unfortunately her detention was due to illness. The crew were saved as narrated yesterday.

CATTLE DYING.—Mr. H. Massey, who lives on the Polk county hills, informs us that the late storm has been very hard on stock, and he names losses as follows: He himself has lost 6 head; D. Gibson 11 head, and W. Waters 14 head, all in one vicinity. The change in the weather, which is now warmer, will be beneficial. It would seem as if cattle were dying, or have lately died in great numbers, in parts of this valley, confirming the old opinion that March is apt to be the worst month in the year on stock.

WEATHER.—The weather is "chopping round" to-day, having "cut up" rather thoroughly in all the southern localities. We actually caught a glimpse of blue sky in the north, and as we turn our "honest gaze" over town we notice "the smoke that so gracefully curled" from the south for about a month or six weeks now is wafted from the north, all of which convinces us that we are about to have a spell of weather more or less pleasant, but we don't like to be too positive about it.

SKETCHING AND WRITING.—Mr. J. Richter, from New York City, is traveling through our State sketching our landscapes and preparing facts for a volume concerning Oregon. We received a call from him to-day, and incline to think well of the gentleman and wish all success to his enterprise.

ACCIDENT.—This morning, about half-past eleven o'clock, Mr. Samuel Brown, was thrown from his horse, near the Court House, and had his collar-bone broken. He was taken home, and Dr. Payton called to attend to him. Mr. Brown sustained no other serious injury.

SATURDAY, April 2.

HIGH WATER.—The river is higher to-day than before this season and appears to be still rising. It is considered to be high water when a current sweeps down through the chain of sloughs south of town, and to-day a swift current is pouring through and the loose logs at the South Salem mill have drifted down stream and are caught in the boom at the lower end of the slough. At the present time the "island" is not a mere peninsula of river bottom but is surrounded with water. We do not recollect that the water has been so high before since 1872.

LOWER FRENCH PRAIRIE.—Hon. F. N. Mathieu called to-day and we learn from him that considerable wheat will have to be replanted in the vicinity of Butteville. He informs us that great damage was done by the wild geese which have been very numerous and have pulled up a great deal of

wheat and so injured the crops. They are so wild that persons hunting cannot get nearer than 800 or 1,000 yards of them so they cannot be killed very easily.

THE SILVER WEDDING.—The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert was postponed until this evening on account of the bad weather a week ago. There will be no postponement this evening but many friends will drive out to their charming residence and celebrate the important event with appropriate ceremonies and festivities. It is a nice place to go to, especially when they are "on hospitable thought intent." Mr. Gilbert was Deacon Gilbert when he was married, twenty-five years ago, and has been growing less "deaconly" and more youthful ever since, and in the year 1900 we expect him to be fresh as a full blown rose (we came near writing "a well blown nose.") The truth is that some wives keep a man in such good humor that he never can grow old and that is what all the gentlemen referred to.

HOSIERY WORKS TO START AGAIN.—We learn from Mr. A. L. Stinson that he is preparing to resume operations with the Beaver Hosiery Company at Jefferson, and will probably be at work by the middle of this month. It would really seem that such a manufacture as this ought to be located in Oregon if any work of the kind can be carried on here and we hope that the enterprise may prove successful and continued without stoppage when it shall again be resumed.

STATE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—We learn from Mr. T. B. Jackson that the machinery for manufacture of boots and shoes at the State Penitentiary has arrived and is now on the ground. Stock has been received for making boots and shoes and work preparation is now going on. He thinks the manufacture will commence in two weeks.

GAS LIGHT.—The Court House at Albany is to have one of the Union Gas Company's machines furnished. The Court House here will be ready to light with the new gas on Monday evening next. Mr. J. L. Parrish has a machine put up for use in his house, which is just outside the city limits, north-east.

The weather is fitful to-day and some of its "spells" are decidedly uncomfortable. These snow squalls are very dramatic to look at through a window and very nasty to encounter outside. The blue sky is grateful to behold as we have not much cerulean in ours of late, but it does not remain as a permanent investment.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—At a regular meeting of the Alka society, of the Willamette University, the following officers were elected: President, James C. McCully; Vice President, L. H. Wells; Secretary, Frank M. McCully; Censor, Robert Harrison; Librarian, Charles Hulm.

RECEIVED INJURIES.—We regret to learn that Mr. W. L. Wade received a bad hurt two days ago as he was getting out of his wagon. He fell on the wheel and was so badly hurt that he is laid up and suffers a great deal, without making much appearance of improvement.

Dr. A. M. Belt is on the steamer now due from San Francisco, and he is accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Huelat, and her children. Mrs. H. has not visited her old home for about twelve years and many old friends will be glad to meet her once more.

The Salem Grange met this afternoon and the Master of the State Grange Mr. Dan Clark, was present and gave them many interesting facts in connection with his late journey East as member of the National Grange.

HOWELL PRAIRIE GRANGE.—This grange filed articles of incorporation to-day, for all grange business purposes, capital \$500, incorporators, C. C. Lyon, J. W. Greenwood, John Sappingford, D. H. Mount.

STATE TREASURY.—Columbia county made a remittance to-day by Wells, Fargo & Co., \$411.65 the most noticeable feature of which was a three cent piece, quite a curiosity in our climate.

ASSESSING.—The County Assessor K. L. Hibbard, will take to riding the county roads Monday and will turn over the town assessing to his efficient deputy Geo. A. Edes.

The way the big flakes flew around for a little while after dinner to-day would be called a first-class performance in any theater in the world.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE OF CONVICTS.

From Mr. T. B. Jackson, who happened to be at the Penitentiary yesterday, we learn that two convicts, one named Wilson from Jacksonville and one from Portland, made a shrewd attempt to escape that was fortunately thwarted. They filled old clothes with straw and placed in their cells, lying on their beds, with hats on, and stowed themselves away outside, and just after supper they scaled the barrier and went off. Their shackles made progress slow and they were easily tracked when their absence was discovered.

They had got off about a quarter of a mile and were easily tracked and found about dark and taken back to their old quarters. If it had not been for the Gardner shackles which fettered them they would have been safe out of the way with the advantage they had of start.

State Capitol Building.

The bids for furnishing the lumber and doing the carpenter work of the State Capitol were opened to-day and the lowest bids were, John O. Jerkirk, of Portland, \$1,900; and for lumber, Capital Lumbering Company, of Salem, \$4,555 37/100. The bids for work ranged from \$5,000 down to \$1,800. The contracts let to this time aggregate about \$40,000 which is about what the Commissioners have at their disposal at present year. There will also be the cost of tin for the roof to be added and something for painting.

The Commissioners will get the roof on joists and timbers set and all that is necessary done to enclose the building, and with the amount at their disposal next year, they will finish up the interior as far as possible, and provide for the meeting of the legislature.

The Silver Wedding.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Gilbert went out to spend Saturday evening with them in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day. The hospitable mansion was found fully illuminated and the family being aware of their coming were prepared to greet and entertain them. An hour was spent in familiar converse and then the wedding scene was enacted, the ceremony being performed in the most originally unique and recherche manner by Mr. James Walton, whose imitable talent for the sublime, tempered with the humorous, qualified him for the important duty. The bride and groom were gotten up for their parts in true wedding costume, and at the close of the remarkable and mirth moving ceremonial the congratulations and salutations were piled on so lavishly that the veteran bride blushed. Then followed the presentation of an elegant silver pitcher, and a pair of goblets the joint gift of many friends, and we know of no persons in this community who are more bountifully supplied with genuine friends than they. After this came such a feast of the inner man as satisfied all that the most fastidious appetite could demand, and such as is always realized when the same charming hostess has the providing of the viands. Those who were not there can only be aggravated by having it talked about. Certainly there was never a pleasanter evening passed or more enjoyment realized. May the quarter of a century of life that has gone by them be followed by another, and may many of the friends whose congratulations are so truly given now live to confirm them at the golden wedding in 1900.

M. E. Church Concert.

The attendance last evening at the M. E. Church was quite large, and the singing by school was good, they have the name of having the best singing in the city. After an anthem by the choir and prayer by the pastor the exercises began.

Misses Ollie Chamberlain and Ada May, Messrs. T. H. Crawford and Adair sang "Nearer my God to Thee." Eddie Powell delivered the opening address, after which the people felt more at ease, as he showed the use of not being dignified. The school sang "Tolling On" with fine effect. Miss Ella Wright recited "Waiting for the Tide to go out" very handsomely. After which came a solo by George May. Then a class of five little boys came on the stage, and also ten little girls, the boys each had a letter, all of which made the word "Jesus," the girls each had a bouquet of flowers, which were used to adorn a cross on the rostrum.

The school then again sang a song, then Miss Mary Powell recited "The Rich Man at the Gates of Paradise," which was clearly enunciated, she speaks well. The choir sang "What shall the harvest be?" Miss Nellie Meehan gave the recitation of "Hagar in the Wilderness," in which were pictured the sufferings of Hagar when she thought that her boy must die for the want of water. Song by the school was next. A collection was then taken up amounting to the sum of \$18 30. "A Dream" was recited by Miss Althea Moores, in which her musings were responded to by the choir in the vestibule. The doxology closed the exercises.

PASSENGER LIST.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Oridanum sailed from San Francisco for Portland, Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, with the following list of

PASSENGERS:

Mrs H Hampton & dr, Wm Redberg, Mrs P Chapman, Miss M Waymire, D Lequette, W W Miller & fy, J H Ritchey, J J Murphy & w, Col Whipple, U S A, Adeir Welcker, G W Hume, Mrs L Ach, Miss M Russell, J I Cunnigham, W Harris, S Border, J Manning, K Hoobe, H I Irving, W R Power and fy, F Casson, L Power, A B Moore and fy, Mrs R Price & 2 ch, Mrs J Thwaite & ch, Mrs Avery & ch, W P Dutton, P A Fletcher, A Murdoch, J Head, J B Switzer & fy, Dr. R Sandford, Mrs DeBost, J M Shatwell & fy, Vic Trevitt, Mrs F Hatchelder & an, Mrs T Cox, Mrs E W Moxley, Miss Frank S Harris, Mrs J Harris & 2 ch, S Fox, I Selling, P Melling & fy, G C Lindermann, J B Irving, D C McCretcher, L Prager, L D Manor, H L Foot & fy.

State Land Deeds.

Col. T. H. Cann has furnished the following list of deeds just made in his office: C. G. Chandler, Baker county, 40 acres. A. Truman, Baker county, 80 acres. N. Spelman, Baker county, 80 acres. A. J. Toney, Baker county, 80 acres. D. C. Thatcher, Baker county, 160 acres. S. Hough, Grant county, 160 acres. Loyd J. Crocker, Umatilla county, 160 acres. W. S. Snoedgrass, Union county, 80 acres. D. L. Carroll, Union county, 80 acres. J. N. Murphy, Union county, 160 acres.

FIRE.—Saturday night at quarter to one o'clock the sleeping town was aroused by an alarm of fire and the engines were painfully dragged to the east edge of Salem where the old tannery of J. C. Clark, once the seat of busy labor, was found in flames. About one year ago somebody set it on fire and now again the torch of the incendiary had chosen it for a burnt offering. Both engines reached the scene at the same time but the Tigers got the first water. Neither got enough to do any good, and we are pleased to know that it was so entirely consumed that no fire alarm can ever come again from that source of supply.

The Handcutter comes to us full of good local items under the management of W. H. Byars, who relieves McPherson of editorial charge. We hope he will keep it up.

A Murdered Man.

On Thursday last while Mr. French and Arthur Smith were out hunting a short distance from Jefferson, on the Lin county side, they came across the body of a man lying on the bank of the stream. They immediately summoned the Coroner, of Lin county, who, with a jury, repaired to the spot designated. Rags and tatters clung to the shrunken form as if to protect it from the beating rains. One arm and his head were missing and could be found nowhere in the vicinity. The flesh has changed into a sort of fibrous substance and was rapidly approaching putrefaction, and in color resembled bacon, the skin or outer surface being very hard. On the right side a little above the hip was a hole made by a bullet, and in all probability was the cause of his death. Nothing whatever could be found to lead to his identification, as no one has been missed in that vicinity for years. The Coroner and jury came to the conclusion that he had come to his death far up the river and had floated down and been cast ashore by high water.

PASSENGER LIST.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Ajax sailed from Portland for San Francisco Saturday afternoon at the usual hour with the following list of

PASSENGERS.

W A Harrington, Chas Cafe & w, C H Pagn, S P Quinn, Arthur Howell, Capt Dimon & w, H Meyer, Peter Lercher, H A Sears, N E Britt, J W Elden & 3 ch, Mrs F Coburn & 3 ch, Robt Reed, w & ch, E Lammon & son, Mrs Norton, Mrs M Johnson & in, W, F & Co. Mess, And 16 in steerage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT.—Last evening the Christian Church was crowded at the concert given by the Sabbath School. Mr. Fenton delivered a very good address, there was singing by the school and recitations by Grant Rickey, Leona Willis, Johnny Cook, Addie Cox, Elsie Murphy and Livia Rowland, also a dialogue between Cato Johns, Percy Willis and Ella Mooney. The Lord's Prayer was recited by 4 boys and 4 girls. A quartet was sung W. D. Fenton, Wiley Allen, Espie Cox and Miss Holman. The exercises were all interesting.

SUDDEN DEATH.—One of the twin boys of Dr. E. R. Fiske died suddenly yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. The child was about eight months old, and had been sickly from the time of its birth, and subject to spasms. The funeral services took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all, as this is the fifth child they have buried since their residence in Salem.

UNREGENERATE.—A little urchin who heard Rev. P. S. Knight, yesterday in Sabbath School, came away a disbeliever, for as he left the church he was heard expressing doubts as follows: "Mr. Knight says chickens always come home to roost. Now that ain't so, 'cos our folks killed all our hens but one rooster, and then all the neighbors' hens come to our place to roost. So!"

FOR CALIFORNIA.—We learn that Mrs. C. P. Crandall will leave by the next steamer to visit her brother and sister in San Francisco, and will reside in California for awhile. She expresses the intention to always consider Oregon her home wherever she may temporarily reside.

DELINQUENT LIST.—The delinquent tax list of 1875 is to be published soon. The amount is about \$12,000, which shows that the taxes are five-sixths paid up. This, we are told, is about the state of the tax list of 1874 at this time, so there is not more default than when the times were considered much better.

KINNEY BROS. have two flat-boats at work above the South Salem bridge, bringing down rocks, and building a stone wall to prevent the dam from being undermined, or washed down. They are taking advantage of the high water.

MODOC COUPONS O. K.—The State Treasurer has accumulated means enough from sources outside of the revenue derived from taxation to pay off the January coupons on the Modoc war bonds, and they are being paid off.

COLOR GUARD.—Our readers will find in this issue the notice of the coming entertainment to be given Friday and Saturday by the Color Guard. We have the most satisfactory assurance that it is all it claims to be.

OUT AGAIN.—Mr. Samuel Brown whose accident we mentioned the other day as resulting in the breaking his collar bone, was out this morning, with his arm in a sling but not looking much like a shipwreck.

Both of the wharves was abandoned, the W. R. T. Co.'s some days since. The S. S. Co.'s wharf was not abandoned till yesterday, but Mr. McCully was forced to move out all the goods to a place of safety.

NOTARY PUBLIC.—To-day Gov. Grover recommissioned J. J. Walton, Jr., of Eugene a Notary Public for Lane county, Oregon.

The sidewalk will soon be all laid around the Court House block; is all finished except on the south side.

Josephine county remitted to the State Treasury to-day, by express, \$1,000, to apply on its taxes.

The Bulletin of Saturday gave an account of the killing of Lee Stewart, a gambler, in a saloon near the Occidental Hotel, where there are several gambling rooms. Stewart was intoxicated and passed through these rooms insulting persons, especially one W. Baker, and finally seized Baker, who was a much smaller man, trusting his fingers into his eye and forcing the eye out of its socket, when Baker drew a pistol and shot him through the heart. Stewart was quarrelsome when drunk and had killed several men. Baker presented a horrible sight with his eye shown out, and surrendered himself to the police. A few more men like Stewart can be spared and all such gambling halls should be burned.